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Thu 1600	WRMI	9955
Thu 2000	WBCQ	7415
Thu 2200	WRMI	9955
Fri 0430	WWRB	3185 [last week`s 1540 aired instead]
Fri 1530	WRMI	9955
Fri 2130	WWCR1	7465
Sat 0900	WRMI	9955
Sat 0900	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	9510 [second, fourth, fifth Saturdays, maybe]
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955
Sat 1700	WWCR2	12160 [on 7490 instead Dec 4]
Sat 1830	WRMI	9955
Sat 1900	IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA	6090
Sun 0330	WWCR3	4840
Sun 0730	WWCR1	3215
Sun 0900	WRMI	9955
Sun 1630	WRMI	9955
Sun 1830	WRMI	9955
Tue 1630	WRMI	9955
Tue 2000	WBCQ	7415
Tue 2330	WRMI	9955

Wed 0130 WRMI 9955
Thu 0430 WRMI 9955

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** ALBANIA. Programma riservato alle lettere e problema ricezione trs in Italiano

Ciao a tutti, Mi chiamo Dario Gabrielli e sono un vostro ascoltatore delle vostre trasmissioni in lingua italiana da parecchi anni.

Con la presente vorrei innanzitutto informarvi che da quando siete passati agli orari del periodo invernale non riesco pi˘ ad ascoltarvi con il mio ricevitore Sangean ATS 909 (http://www.sangean.nl) con antenna telescopica ed una filare posta all' esterno dell' abitazione per una lunghezza di sette metri circa.

Io sto provando ad ascoltarvi ogni sera alle ore:
18.00 - 18.30 ora UTC sui 6000 Khz
20.00 - 20.30 ora UTC sui 6000 Khz
perÚ il segnale non arriva.

Forse sto sbagliando orari o frequenza visto che, non avendo avuto vostre notizie sugli attuali orari mi sto aiutando con delle riviste specializzate dell' anno scorso.

Infatti, a mio modo di vedere, certe emittenti internazionali (tra cui voi) dovrebbero inviare a tutti i loro ascoltatori in anticipo i loro cambiamenti di frequenze e se fosse possibile un foglietto con scritto tutti i programmi giornalieri che vengono trasmessi e se necessario inviare via eMail o via posta tradizionale ogni cambiamento che fate durante il periodo annuale.

Con la presente vorrei chiedervi se potete informarmi anche quando trasmettete lo spazio dedicato alla posta degli ascoltatori e se Ë possibile inviare i rapporti di ascolto via eMail e naturalmente il vostro indirizzo di posta elettronica esatta

Aspettando vostre notizie, vi saluto (GABRIELLI Dario, Viale della Resistenza, 33b, IT - 30031 DOLO (Ve) ITALY, Nov 24, to and via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana, via DXLD)

Dear Mr Dario Gabrielli in Venice (Venezia), Italy,
Cc: CQ Monza - RAI, Vatican Radio Monitoring

We are glad to hear from you for the first time. Thank you for your reception report from Venice.

We do regret that you are getting difficulties to listen to Radio Tirana. Our Monitoring Center is lately informed that Central Apparatus of Radio Tirana's studios is modulating in low levels 10-40%, which our Monitoring service technically consider as interruption. This low modulation is manually applied to avoid the blocking of radio/relays between studios and transmitting sites in Shijak and Fllaka - studio site has said.

This is a bad situation, we are very sorry for that, and we hope to be improved soon. I informed my staff to ask at the studio site for any casual improvement on modulation level. Please, inform us from tonight if possible. Your reception reports would be highly appreciated. Ciao and all the best from lovely raining Tirana, (Drita Cico, RTSH-Albanian Radio television, Head of Radio Tirana Monitoring since 1981, & HF Manager from 2005, RADIO TIRANA, ibid.)

Hello dear Drita and Glenn, this matter should be discussed first with your technical department, because these negative different audio and modulation levels should be solved first on the broadcasting house control center and also should be improved to stable feeder ways from Tirana via Fllake to Shijak audio port.

And as we suggested first, and also asked via Christian Milling - German Radio 700 Euskirchen group -, your two transmitters need urgently an OPTIMOD upstream processor, whether used units from a decommissioned site like Juelich etc. vy73 de Wolfy

PS: Under-modulation at Central Apparatus of studios of Radio Tirana is made manually by order. - Drita

Dear Drita, when your studio site says

"This low modulation is manually applied to avoid the blocking of radio/relays between studios and transmitting sites in Shijak and Fllaka - studio site has said."

I can understand this, because high peak levels tent to over-modulate the transmitting lines which leads to terrible distortion. But why not amplifying the signals at the transmitter site several decibels? This would be easily raise the average modulation level prior to installing a Optimod to optimize the whole transmission chain?

Best regards, (Christian (Milling), Technical Director - Radio700-Germany, Project Manager of Radio Tirana in Internet finalized on 26 Nov. 2008, via Drita, ibid.)

13640, Nov 30 at 1532, Klara opening R. Tirana broadcast after mandatory 2-minute schedule announcement, about Liberation Day Nov 29, undermodulated as usual, but almost readable with some strain. R. Tirana is well aware of the undermodulation problem, and many other listeners have complained about it. It seems the studio-transmitter feed needs to be at a low level to avoid distortion, but could it be boosted up to normal level once it gets to the Shijak transmitter? There too it may be thought necessary to ease off to avoid damaging the old units (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. UNID, 11715 {and 11925 too} in 8-9 UT slot noted often an Unidentified Chinese talking station, S=6-7 fair signal here in EUR. Thanks to Noel Green and Mauno Ritola, it`s the usual intermodulation of 70 kHz on two CRI Cerrik Albania outlets on 11785CRI En and 11855CRI Mandarin kHz in our European morning 7-9 UT. Noted often in past half decade (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX via DXLD)

** ALGERIA [non]. FRANCE/ALGERIA, Winter B-10 of RTAlgeria Holy Qur`an in Arabic via TDF:
0400-0458 on 5865 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf
0500-0558 on 5865 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf
0500-0558 on 7295 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf
0600-0658 on 5865 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf till Feb.26
0600-0658 on 7295 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf from Feb.27

1800-1958 on 9390 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf
1900-2058 on 7455 ISS 500 kW / 194 deg to NWAf
2000-2158 on 7455 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf till Feb.26
2000-2158 on 9390 ISS 500 kW / 162 deg to CEAf from Feb.27
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 1 via DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, still no trace of LRA36, Nov 25 at 1414.

15476, a third week starts with zero signal from RNASG, checked Monday Nov 29 at 1422.

15476, ditto all my previous reports since Nov 12: no sign of a signal from LRA36, Nov 30 at 1411, 1434.

15476, still no trace of LRA36 carrier, Dec 1 at 1400 and a couple chex later in the hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 1650, Radio Antares, Pilar, est· fuera del aire desde hace varios meses. Esta informaciÛn fue corroborada en un reciente raid Pilar-Escobar (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Nov 27, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 13363-SSB, Nov 28 at 2326 again hunting for AFN Guam on listed daytime frequency 13362.5-USB, instead heard sports in Spanish, very weak and could not be sure which frequency, but no sign of English. Missing from Aoki, but an Argentine broadcast feeder is occasionally reported here, by an incredible coincidence on almost the same frequency, such as:

``13363-LSB, Tentative LS4 R. Continental, Buenos Aires. Lively music program with announcements in Spanish. Fair strength amid noise and distortion of voices. 2115 2/4 [2008] (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (Sony ICF-2001D and 70m long wire), DXpedition at Yeranda, near Dungog NSW [same equipment?], April Australian DX News via DXLD 8-044)``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.7, Radio Nacional, General Pacheco, 1910-2005, 27-11, Spanish, male voice, soccer comments, at 2001: "La Radio P˙blica, Radio Nacional", "Programa Con Afecto", "Ahora vienen las noticias con Nacional, Argentina te informa, en Buenos Aires 25∫ 6 dÈcimas". 34433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. I've noticed recently in Metro Vancouver that Saturday / Sunday local afternoon reception on 15345 has been verging on very good, but today (local 27 Nov) there wasn't any sign of R. Nacional.

However, 6060 was a mess around 2400Z. Prior to the hour, through the dull hum (presumably the Argentinian slightly off-frequency), presumed Super R. Deus e Amor in Portuguese was dominating -- then the tables had turned by re-check at 0020 with R. Nacional on top with the usual Saturday f˙tbol game. Also interestingly, Super R. on 11765 [BRAZIL] didn't show up today. 73, (Theo Donnelly, BC, ptsw yg via DXLD)

As I mentioned in reply to Stewart MacKenzie's msg 2551 yesterday, 6060 was a mess, and is (still) much the same today.

As of ~0005Z 29 Nov, both Super R. Deus e Amor and N. Nacional were audible, but very heavily suppressed by a much more dominant open carrier: Cuba? (6140 also has one on it.)

I thought I read somewhere recently that RAE/R. Nacional had just one operational transmitter? But they're back today on 15345//6060. .. and the same for SRDE on 11765//6060. 73, (Theo Donnelly, Burnaby, BC, ibid. via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

** ASCENSION. 17505, good signal with tonal African language, Nov 27 at 1727 past 1730; kept talking about ``Cristo``. HFCC shows it`s YFR in Shona at 17-18 daily, 250 kW, 102 degrees. And it had quite a hum, now so characteristic of Ascension, due to wind power generation? Why can`t they filter that out? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368 [not .5?], Radio Symban, 1149-1200, 25-November-2010, in Greek. Program Details: Typical Greek music and talk. Signal: Fair at peaks (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Ed seems to pick this up at least once a week but seldom see any reports of it from elsewhere in NAm (gh, DXLD)

2368.5, R. Symban, Nov 15 1351 - Presumed, with Greek vocal and stringed instrument music. Fair level, but noted earlier at 0910 with stronger signal (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. 6140, RA via Kranji. Plenty of signal, but audio down in the dumps, crash start 1100 with news theme and news in English. Well under Havana co/channel, which came on abruptly at 1102 in Spanish, 27/11 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Racal RA-6790GM, Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, Folded Dipole), Dec Australian DX News via DXLD)

! RA only got approval for relays via SINGAPORE starting Nov 22, and now may be regretting it (gh, DXLD)

[and non]. Upper bands were dead Nov 28 at 0620, except for R. Australia, good on 13630, fair on 13690, and OSOB on 15160. NZ audible weakly on 11725, 13730, Zambia on 13590 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Nov 27 at 1307, Bangladesh Betar with conversation; 1310 call for prayer; 1319 ID by OM; SIO 342 (Tony Ashar, West Java, Indonesia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. Re: Radio Belarus in B-10 season is using 7360 75kw and 7390 150kw 1200-2400. 6155 250kw is scheduled 1705{1800-}-2300 (sic. Eike Bierwirth has 1800-2400) and 1170 800kw 1900-2300.

Belorusskoe Radio shortwave relays are: 0500-0800 and 1600-1800 on 7255 Minsk 250kw : 0300-2000 6010 Brest 5kw, 6040 Grodno 5kw, 6070 Brest 5kw, 6190 Mogilev 5kw, 7235 Mogilev 5kw, 7280 Grodno 5kw; 1600-2200 6080 Minsk 150kw, 6115 Minsk 75kw.

Kanal Kultura is carried 1600-2200 on 7265 Grodno 5kw (Alexander Mazgo, Belarus, RUSdx October 24 via DX Listening Digest)

Eike Bierwirth's online list shows the 5 kW outlets as 0300-0200 rather than 0300-2000. Regional programming is 6010 and 6070 Radio Brest 1600-1700 Monday to Saturday, 6040 and 7280 Radio Hrodna 1600-1700 Monday to Friday, 6190 Radio Mahiliou 1600-1700 Monday to Friday, 7235 Radio Stalitsa 1600-1700 Monday to Friday (Mike Barraclough, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4700, R. San Miguel, Riberalta 1000 and 0000 every day. 4716.19, Radio Yura, Yura 1000 and 0000 every day (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.80, Radio Santa Cruz, 1005-1024, Nov 27, talk in local language. Mentions of Santa Cruz. Announcements. Promos. Instrumental music. Poor. Very low modulation at times (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. 3375.34, Brasil, Radio Municipal, S„o Gabriel da Cachoeira, 1016 with Brasil music and om, strong signal 25 November; same 23 November (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Propagation was peculiar Nov 28 at 0610. I found a carrier on 4845 and wondered if Mauritania was back, but it was still chanting on 7245, so 4845 likely Brasil, especially since other marginal signals from there were showing thru the noise level, on 4885 with Brazilian music, 4915; and on 31m at 0619, besides a weak BBC on 9410, just about the OSOB was the Brasilian on 9675. On 25m, just RNA 11780, all-night on Sundays, and much better than NZ 11725 (Glenn Hauser, OK,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4915, Radiodifusora Macap·, Macap·, 0540-0621, 28-11, Portuguese, male, identification: "Radiodifusora Macap·, 74 anos com vocÍ, Difusora, a melhor programaÁ„o", "Difusora AM", Brazilian songs, advertisements. 34433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9550, R. Boa Vontade, Pt.∫ Alegre RS, 2142-2202, 26 Nov'10, A Voz do Brasil national news magazine relay, station ID at 2200 followed by prayer; 33432, adjacent QRM.

11894.9, R. Boa Vontade, Pt.∫ Alegre RS, 2146-2200, 26 Nov'10, cf. \\ 9550 above; not readable due to weak modulation; 23442, adjacent QRM only until 2200 when the channel was blocked by another station. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9645.35, R. Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo SP, 2152-2205, 26 Nov'10, football program Na Geral, with comments on... f/ball; 33432, adjacent QRM. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9645.37, R·dio Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo. 0901 November 28, 2010. Tune-in to album version of The Beatles ìLet It Beî followed by Portuguese male announcer, something ìMadrugadaî program name it seemed, phone interview with another man, into samba tune at 0910. Clear, good (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9695.8, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, *0958-1020, 27-11, Signing on, Portuguese, female and male: "R·dio Rio Mar, e melhor programaÁ„o, R·dio Rio Mar, 5 horas 57 minutos", advertisements, at 1000: "R·dio Rio Mar, 1290 AM, ondas curtas, 9695 kHz, 6160 kHz, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil", "R·dio Rio Mar informa", News. 24322. (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9695.8, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, 1010-1020, 28-11, Brazilian songs, identification by male: "6 horas y 13 minutos, R·dio Rio Mar". 24322. (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780, Dec 1 at 0643, open carrier and then music, poor signal and OSOB except for trace of WEWN 11870. RNA during DST nominally starts around 0700, but carrier-on and modulation-on vary a

lot, last year as early as 0630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 15190, R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 1015, 0913-, 24-11, locutora, comentarios y noticias, identificaciÛn: "InconfidÍncia", locutor: "Agora 7 horas, 17 minutos", noticias internacionales, noticia sobre Camboya, "Agora 7 horas 22", InconfidÍncia AM". A las 0646 se escuchaba Radio Africa, con programa religioso en inglÈs, pero ahora sÛlo Radio Inconfidencia. SeÒal fluctuando entre 14321 y 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Escuchas realizadas en casco urbano de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, 24/Nov, 1933, BRASIL, R InconfidÍncia, em portuguÍs. Programa de m˙sica sertaneja de raiz. As 1934 programa ìDicas do Produtorî. Moderada QRM da R Africa em picos de baixa propagaÁ„o, sendo que h· predomin,ncia da R InconfidÍncia na maior parte do tempo da escuta feita. (Segundo a lista Aoki o azimute È de 122, nos levando assim a uma transmiss„o para o leste da regi„o sudeste do ponto de vista do transmissor. N„o sei como est· a recepÁ„o nessa regi„o, porque a QRM da R Africa È um grande empecilho para a escuta dessa transmiss„o) 43433, 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12¬ 14¬¥S 38¬ 58¬¥W, Brasil, condiglist yg via DXLD)

15190, R. InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte MG, 1319-1445, 26 Nov'10, news, talks, music, advertisements; 25433. Later, they got QRM de R. Africa.

15190, ditto, 2326-..., 27 Nov'10, communiquÈs during a break in oldies program M·quina do Tempo; 35433. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 0832-0920, 27-11, Portuguese, male, comments, "A Prefetura de Belo Horizonte", "A nossa InconfidÍncia de R·dio", at 0900 identification: "Radio InconfidÍncia, ondas curtas 6010 kHz, banda de 49 metros, 15190 kHz, banda de 19 metros", "InconfidÍncia de R·dio", program: "Jornal IntegraÁ„o, cultura, educaÁ„o, cidadania, serviÁos". Slight interference from Radio Africa at moments. 23322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 0850-0935, 28-11, Brazilian songs, comments, identification: "Agora 6 e 54, InconfidÍncia de Radio". At 0902: "Onda media, 1290 kHz, ondas curtas, 49 metros, 6010 kHz, 19 metros, 15190 kHz, InconfidÍncia, emissora da Rede InconfidÍncia de R·dio, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brasil.". 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo,

Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 15190, was not hearing much from R. Africa, Nov 30 before 2200, but at 2210 I get two weak signals on slightly different frequencies, and a rapid warble with BFO on; somewhat less rapid on Argentina 15345v, so once again it seems trans-equatorial Doppler is in effect. This is never evident on Chile 17680, such as rechecked just now. Dominant audio on 15190 is Brazilian, from R. InconfidÍncia, easy to tell apart from the low-key mumbler and convicted child sex evangelist Tony Alamo during this hour from Guinea Ecuatorial (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

InconfidÍncia QSL: http://www.box.net/shared/mtqxr0gorq
QSL received last week for reception on 15th Oct (Mark Davies, Anglesey UK, Nov 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. 6300, Radio Bulgaria; 2205-2218+, 22-Nov; Typical English variety program with music and commentary. SIO=422 hetting strongly with RASD(presumed) on 6297.2. // 7400, SIO=3+22. Only RASD there next day, so must have been an error; should have been 6200. Back on 6200 on 24-Nov; French before 2200 and English after.

Gave English sked as: to Europe 0730-0800 5900 & 7400, 1830-1900 6200, 7400 & 9700 DRM; 2200-2300 6200 & 7400; to N. America 0000-0100 5900 & 7400, 90399-0400 5900 & 7400 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA [non]. Transmission 5 DEC 2010: Koprivshtitsa Festival
Hi Glenn: Just a heads-up for your readers/listeners on another one of my long-form Bulgarian folklore broadcasts. Thanks! MDW

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  16:59 ñ 1:04:34 // Stage 3: Region Stara Zagora, 1034AM

1:04:34 ñ 2:17:32 // Stage 2: Region Vratsa, 1230PM
2:17:32 ñ 2:33:11 // Stage 4: Region Targovishte, 0238PM
2:33:11 ñ 3:19:16 // Stage 3: Region Yambol, 0328PM
3:19:16 ñ 3:55:22 // Stage 2: Region Blagoevgrad, 0519PM
3:55:22 ñ 5:32:54 // Stage 1: Sofia-City, 0633PM
5:32:54 ñ End // Coda: Koprivshtitsa at Night, 7 August 2010, 1000PM-0100AM

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That`s 1000-1600 UT Dec 5. Also reminding us that another Winter Orgy has started on WHRB, Dec-Jan. Complete schedule is now up at:
http://whrb.org/programs/decjanfeb2010_11.pdf
(Glenn Hauser, Nov 30, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non non]. Democratic Voice of Burma available inside country!

Burmaís largest armed ethnic group, the United Wa State Army, has allowed the Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) to broadcast on terrestrial television in its territory for the first time. The first broadcast aired on 10 November, three days before the release of Burmese opposition icon Aung San Suu Kyi. Previously the 30,000-strong army, which controls swathes of territory in northeastern Shan state, had permitted DVB programmes only to air on satellite stations.

ìWe are now including the DVB channel in our broadcasting, making it available to watch for anyone who has a television,î said a UWSA official. ìThis makes people happy. Not everyone here understands Burmese language but still they can see the footage and images on the TV. For example, the day when Daw Aung San Suu Ki was released, people recognised her and realised she was free.î

But DVB will face competition from 24 other stations, including the Burmese state-run MRTV, and stations in China and Thailand. According to Paris-based media watchdog Reporters Without Borders, more than 66

percent of Burmese watch DVB television on a regular basis. At present, DVB television can only be watched by Burmese with satellite dishes, but the Wa army will feed the broadcasts through a relay station to make it viewable for those without.

There are estimated to be around 600,000 Wa, an ethnic Chinese minority group, in Burma, and around 350,000 across the border in China. DVB is one of only two Burmese language television stations shown inside the country that isnít run by the Burmese government, and its operations were focus of the Oscar-nominated Burma VJ documentary.

(Source: Democratic Voice of Burma)(November 25th, 2010 - 17:12 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** CANADA. 2749-SSB, Nov 26 at 1053 marine weather by YL with quÈbecois accent, 1055 OM also in French but heavy English accent; 1057 OM in English mentions ``Coast Guard Radio`` and 2749 but can`t catch a location or call as signals fight heavy noise level; then calling ``All stations`` in English and French, but off at 1058 and nothing further heard by 1101. Let`s check Bill Hepburn`s info at: http://www.dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm#O%20ATL

Which shows 2749 is used by four stations on the Atlantic Coast and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, two of which are bilingual, VCN in Grindstone [Magdalen Islands] QC, but not scheduled until 1118, while the other one has a broadcast starting at 1040:
VAR-3, NS, Yarmouth-Fundy, 43 44 24, 66 07 19, EE/FF
This source does not mention mode, USB or LSB, and on the FRG-7 BFO it`s not obvious immediately.

Guess why I was tuning around here? Yep, HAARP, Alaska, but no sign of it on 2750. When active it could cause lots of QRM to the CCG stations (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. 7220, 22 Nov, 2122, French. Tune in with male announcer as DJ playing music, then to comments at 2126 and back to music. ID is presumed. S9 level with QRM (Bob Montgomery, Dxpediton to French Creek State Park, 40 miles west of Phila, PA, JRC NRD 535db, 500 ft longwire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Aoki shows 7220 for ``R. Bangui`` at 0600-1630, but also V of Vietnam in French at 2100-2130 (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. 3280, V. of Pujiang, Nov 15 1357 - Fast talk in Chinese by two males at 1357. 5+1 time pips and presumed ID at 1400; Quick mention of Pujiang 1401. Very good signal, and parallel 4950 which was stronger by 1545 (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov

29, IRCA via DXLD)

** CHINA. EAST JAMMERSTAN: 7510, Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 2239, 23-Nov; Have not seen this frequency reported before. No other audio heard. Nothing listed in 11/9 EiBi at this time (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For Firedrake and its targets, the preferred source is Aoki, viz.: ``7515 SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng 2200-2230 1234567 Chinese 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E 3829N SOH b10 7500-7595`` --- well, that`s close as to time, and frequency is covered, but should have also had a * indicating jammed (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Nov 25:
8400, JBA at 1345. After 1400 not heard here or anywhere.

Firedrake Nov 26:
8400, JBA at 1046
This nor any others heard later by 1300.

Firedrake Nov 28:
8400 and 10500 unheard at 1351.

Firedrake Nov 28:
10500, good with flutter at 2330 // 11470; fair at 2353
14700, fair with flutter at 2325, also 2353

15550, Nov 29 at 2354 while I was getting Firedrake on 14700, 10500: Chinese music and hyper talk here in CNR1-style, SAH over much weaker victim, so ChiCom jamming against scheduled R. Free Asia in Mandarin via Tinian.

Firedrake Nov 29:
8400, JBA at 1355. No others found up to 18 MHz by 1425
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Nov 30:
8400, JBA at 1353; nothing audible at all [NAAA] on 10500 at this time and no others found in next semihour.

[and non]. 7540, Dec 1 at 1338, mix of two stations, one with YL rock song in English, the other Chinese talk: so it`s BBC Chinese service, M-F at 1300-1530, 250 kW, 20 degrees via Nakhon Sawan, THAILAND, and ChiCom CNR1 jamming, as confirmed by *Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Over-the-horizon radar pulsing, presumed from here, Nov 25

at 1342 intruding into 40m hamband, 7060-7115 peaking around 7095; same sound at 6850-6900, and a smaller segment at 7575-7590 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910, Marfil EstÈreo, Lomalinda, 0510-0810, 28-11, Latinamerican songs, "Llaneras", at 0750 identification by male: "La hora en Marfil EstÈreo, son las 2 de la maÒana y 49 minutos". 34433. (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 5910, Dec 1 at 0647 propagation is pitiful but one station making it with a poor signal is Marfil EstÈreo, usual peppy Mexican music in the nightmiddle, timecheck for 1:46; 0655 another one-minute-late TC for 1:54, ID in passing. No QRM, unlike sister station La Voz de tu Conciencia, smothered by RHC on 6010, as it has done for years despite appeals; so the prospects for another missionary broadcaster, HCJB on 6050, do not look promising, RHC still there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. Several evenings in the 00-02 UT period lately I have sought the R. San Carlos second harmonic on 2859.8, without success. Last presumed log of it here was Sept 23 at 1117 as in DXLD 10-39. Nor have I seen reports of it from anyone else. The nominal schedule in WRTH from TIRDVC 1430 is 1115-0200, but sign-off used to vary considerably. Still no sign of it Nov 28 at 0059. I wonder if they have suppressed it, resulting from an ill-advised DX reception report from someone. If QSLed, it may have been the last one ever from this outlet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 9765, Dec 1 at 1330, REE audio cutting off and on, mostly off, as Basque service is starting, and the same problem on 15170, except Romania fills in the gaps. Wiggle that patchcord! Was lining up BFO on 9765 to be sure I was right on 5765 when checking for GUAM, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SPAIN

** CUBA. 1620, Nov 25 at 0729 tuneby I notice some Spanish, so check 5025 for //. Yes, it`s one of the R. Rebelde outlets to block WDHP USVI which is not doing exile programming anyway at this hour, if ever any more. First time I`ve noticed this; soon fades down as WTAW resumes dominance (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. RHC check Nov 25 at 0724: no English, but Spanish on 6050, 6060, 6120, 6150. 6050 best by far, stronger than 6060; 6120 also strong but with the usual degraded audio; 6150 undermodulated. 6010 was off.

The recalcitrant Arnie Coro, RHC frequency manager, so far has kept a

transmitter on 6050 blowing away HCJB`s only remaining frequency from Ecuador: Nov 26 at 1042 check, in Spanish, 6050 is strongest here, // 5040, 6120, 6150. But off by 1101, audiblizing HCJB again; see ECUADOR. At 1106, equally big signal on 6095 instead, probably same transmitter // 6140, 6150, 6180. At 1210, RHC is also on 6000, perhaps waited until WYFR was finished at nominal 1200.

5025, R. Rebelde had been inbooming earlier as usual, but absent at 1212 Nov 26, at least allowing one to detect adjacent carriers from Solomons and Sarawak; back on at 1237 check. See also VENEZUELA [non]

They still haven`t caught on in the RHC studio that programming is airing one hour later than before. Saturday Nov 27 at 1508 UT on 11760, Cartas a la RedacciÛn is opening, claiming its schedule in Cuban time is Saturday 9:05 am, 11:32 am, 7:00 pm, and Sunday 4:00 am. But guess what, at 1508 UT it is already 10:08 am EST!!

I paused to listen to this on 11760 since the carrier was dropping to a lower level for a split second every one or two seconds. Most annoying; the modulation seemed to continue, and on the S-meter too I could see that the carrier was not cutting out completely, just dropping to lower power (or maybe a short in the antenna was to blame). This situation was still ongoing at 1528. So it`s different from the IADs infecting the Voice of Indonesia 9526- transmitter where the carrier is unaffected (and still doing that today as I bytuned).

Another amateurish anomaly from the RadioCuba operation: 11730, Nov 27 at 1554 with open carrier atop pop music, announcement maybe in Arabic. I figure it`s RHC as usual which runs 11730 all day in Spanish, but when will modulation be applied? Not at 1616, and still not one hour and one minute later checked, 1717! Wake up. At 1554 and onward, RHC was going as usual on 11690 // 11760.

As for the 11730 Arabic before 1600, nothing listed in Aoki, but HFCC has it as RRI via Galbeni.

RHC has abandoned 16m for the season, but there is still propagation as late as 2319 Nov 27 when I am again getting the third harmonix of pulse jammers, on 17865 vs R. Rep˙blica 5954v, and on 18090 vs R. MartÌ 6030. See also PORTUGAL [and non]; VENEZUELA [non]

15120 and numerous other RHC frequencies, including the AlÛ, Presidente ones, 17750, 15370 and 13750, Sunday Nov 28 at 1434 En Contacto is starting early, and ending even earlier than a quarter-hour would run, 1447:30. Four weeks after DST ended, Manolo finally acknowledged explicitly that RHC programming remains at the ``same`` local time, i.e. one UT hour later including this at 1435 UT ex-1335, likewise the repeats. I intend to check around 1740, 1840, and if

necessary 1940 to find an interim airing between 1435 and 2240.

As per my previous report, kept looking for a midday repeat of RHC`s Spanish DX program on Sundays, En Contacto, Nov 28, circa 40 past various hours since its known times are all in that part of the clock. At 1640, not on. 1740, not checked, unfortunately. 1840, just RHC music (and no AlÛ, Presidente either) on 17750, 15370, 12040, 11760, 11690. By now, the other AP frequency 13750 was off. 1942, still no En Contacto. Maybe it was at 1740 or in the first half of some hour, unexpectedly. This monitoring is necessary since RHC has failed to publish an all-day (and all-night) program schedule ever since going 24 hours some 15 months ago. Stephan Schaa`s monitoring of RHC between 0800-0825 UT Monday Nov 29 on HCJB`s 6050 (see below) happens to include a clip containing En Contacto during that semihour too.

At 1942 Nov 28 I was also checking for the collision with Portugal on 12040: yes, there they both are, with CCI, SAH, RHC on top. Did not check later whether this lasted past 2100, the normal close of RDPI on Sundays, but with the option of staying on up to three hours longer for extraordinary emissions as it did on Saturday. At 2320, however, could only hear RHC on 12040 // 12010 an echo apart, and 11770.

Besides putting RNV back where it is supposed to be on 6180 instead of 6140 three days before [see VENEZUELA], RHC causes yet another collision. Spanish frequencies heard at 1007 Nov 29 in // are 6150, 6050 vs HCJB, and 6120.

It so happens that at 1000-1030, NHK Spanish via Sackville is also on 6120, 250 kW, 227 degrees to CIRAF 8, 10 and 11, i.e. Mexico, Central America, Caribbean, and USA east of 90 degrees west. Aoki thinx RHC is on 6120 until 1100 with 100 kW, 340 degrees, i.e. clashing over the USA at least, but no doubt in fact also in the other zones. Once again, Cuba missing from HFCC, so NHK probably thought 6120 would be clear for them to use, as they have done in previous seasons, when I believe RHC was somewhere else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Arnie Coro Attacks Glen Hauser Of World Of Radio, Gets Caught on Tape

Myself and Keith Perron of PCJ Radio caught Arnie Coro on what amounted to a disorganized, paranoid, and low quality rant about Glen [sic] Hauser and his World Of Radio. Arnie accused Glen of attacking him and Radio Havana Cuba (RHC).

You can hear the MP3 commentary on the front page of PCJ Media/PCJ Radio, or you can go to the direct link I am providing, and you can also see the written piece while enjoying the audio from this evening at Shortwave America. We feel that Glen is an innocent bystander who

got a pot shot taken at him by Arnie without any evidence whatsoever and that Glen deserves an apology immediately as well as anyone associated with Glen's WOR.

Radio Havana Cuba should consider disciplining Arnie, as this show was aired more than four times tonight during a running loop that RHC has playing even as I type. It's been playing since 9PM Chicago time.

Shame on you Arnie!

http://www.pcjmedia.com
http://www.radio4all.net/files/kperron@gmail.com/3101-1-Arnie_Coro_1.mp3
http://shortwaveamerica.blogspot.com
(Dan Hensley, KC9NCF, 0607 UT Nov 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just recorded a small commentary about Coro and his weird claims. Will post it on on PCJ now. :) (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Nov 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Commentary about Radio Havana Cuba's Arnie Coro and the outlandish claims made against Glenn Houser [sic] host of World Of Radio. Arnie Coro is a clear example of paranoid loon. I'm wondering if he is writing "so called" news items for Voice Of Korea. - (download or listen)
http://www.radio4all.net/files/kperron@gmail.com/3101-1-Arnie_Coro_1.mp3

In November last year I got a letter from Vikki asking me about my favorite and least favorite shows on shortwave. Well it was Coro's. Here is the show again. It can be found at around 35mins into the show. - (download or listen)
http://www.radio4all.net/files/kperron@gmail.com/3101-1-happy_station_11:12:09_sa_0200utc.mp3
(Keith Perron, Taiwan, http://pcjmedia.com/ via DXLD)

Tonight when I got home I received an email from a friend at RHC who wrote to tell me that Coro heard the commentary I did about him. Apparently he is livid!! LOLOLOL. I'm wondering if he will say anything or make reference to it. I hope he does. Personally I find it all very funny (Keith Perron, Taiwan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Arnie devotes half of this Sunday`s DXers Unlimited to attacking yours truly (tho the name Glenn Hauser must never be spoken on RHC). Tnx to Dan Hensely for tipping us about this; he thinx Arnie owes me an apology. It`s about the collision with HCJB (also never mentioned by name) on 6050. So I made a point of recording it for posterity at 0612-0618 UT Nov 29, where else, but on 6050! He already posted the script on his blog, and more about 6050 was on the previous Nov 23

show. My replies so far:

For starters, I would never be so immodest as to proclaim myself an expert --- When did I ever say that?

We`ll leave it to HCJB to decide whether RHC causes them any interference in THEIR target area, regardless of where RHC is aimed.

The fact remains, that RHC did not NEED to move off 5970 where it was loud and clear and not causing any problem.

Notice that he keeps referring to the ITU, not the HFCC, which is not the same thing. Fine, if RHC sends its stuff to ITU, but the fact remains that NO RHC registrations ever appear in the HFCC, which is the voluntary ADVANCE PLANNING organization of the world`s international shortwave broadcasters.

It is true that I have no respect for Sr Coro, for many other reasons such as his condoning and facilitating JAMMING of foreign broadcasts, INCLUDING MINE. How could I feel otherwise? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hey Glenn (funny Coro), I just heard from Dan Hensely that Mr. Fidel Coro on Dxers Unlimited said that RHC is being attacked by WOR. Anyone have any audio of this?? (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ex-RHC, 0348 UT Nov 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Haven`t heard it but there should be a few more hourly repeats tonight. But Arnie already has the script up on his blog, and certain portions are highlighted in red. Viz., sic:

``Item two: Personal attacks, insults , lack of respect , and poor spelling are among the quote REGULAR FEATURES , unquote, of the postings contributed to several short wave listening and radio hobby Internet lists and websites by a self proclaimed expert from Oklahoma , United States of America...

Among the latest examples of such attacks this person has posted is one that shows once again his total ignorance about a subject that he proclaims to be one of the world's top experts...

Frequency Management !!! The worldwide decametric broadcasting frequency management system developed by the ITU, the International Telecommunications Union, the oldest of the United Nations specialized agencies, began way back in 1948, at the Mexico City conference that among other practical results divided the world in the so called CIRAF zones, that clearly define the areas to where the stations broadcast according to their interests in reaching specific audiences.

Twice every year now, and years ago four times a year, the ITU receives and processes the frequencies that the stations intend to use, in order to optimize as much as possible the use of the limited natural resource we all know as the radio frequency spectrum.

The process starts with filling in a very detailed entry form, that includes the engineering data required that is then fed to an ITU specially developed software program .

Each station sends this data to the ITU either directly or by means of some forms of sub regional, regional or voluntary associations , but it is very clear that the ITU data for each of the two yearly periods is what provides the station's engineering staff with the best possible information of the coverage that a broadcast is achieving.

It is absolutely impossible, with the number of stations on the air, even now that several international broadcasters have decided to stop their short wave transmissions, to achieve a worldwide clear channel on any of the lower frequency international shortwave broadcast bands...

It is then necesssary to go through a process of preparing the schedule for a given period, sending it to the ITU, waiting for the ITU to run the complex software , and then receive the data about the expected quality of each transmission.

And all this process starts with each national telecommunications administration of each ITU member nation registering with the ITU the international short wave broadcast transmissions that they plan to put on the air for the next upcoming period.

If the stations are not registered with the ITU, they simply do not appear in the data base !!!

And this is something that happens more often than anyone may think, and it does cause problems .

Add to the lack of registration , the pretention by some broadcasters to cover a much larger target area than what the equipment they are running can really provide... and also include into the problem , the lack of knowledge among those doing the frequency management of some stations , about the specifics of antenna patterns, antenna gain, front to back ratio , plus adjacent channel incompatibility etc.

For your information amigos, all the attacks against Radio Havana Cuba and to me , coming regularly from the so called World of Radio self proclaimed expert , increased since our station began to use on the

8th of November a new frequency beamed to Central North America, using a highly directional curtain array , type HR 4, 4, 0,8 , an antenna type certified by the International Telecommunications Union as a highly directional and high front to back ratio antenna system.

The frequency selected for the B10 ITU period for that service is 6050 kiloHertz, that appears as totally blank and clear for the CIRAF Zones to which we are broadcasting, in other words, no other station has registered with the ITU that frequency with the intention of broadcasting to Central North America, something that we have checked regularly during the schedule times when 6050 kiloHertz is used.

In other words, the use of that frequency is in full compliance with the ITU frequency management recommendations... and the daily excellent reception reports we are receiving from both the areas of the USA and Canada, to where the 6050 kiloHertz Radio Havana Cuba transmissions are beamed , confirm that this is a good channel, clear of any incompatibility and causing, no incompatibility to any other registered user , as shown by the ITU B10 date base..

Stay tuned for more radio hobby related information, coming on this weekend edition of Dxers Unlimited that is now on the air after the top of the hour newscast on Sundays and Mondays UTC days.

I am your host Arnie Coro , radio amateur CO2KK, back with you in a few seconds...`` (RHC DXers Unlimited script for Nov 28, via DXLD)

[And he also referred to 6050 in the previous show:]

Si amigos, sure, this is Radio Havana Cuba, and yes, we had a transmitter breakdown Sunday evening, that kept the 6050 kiloHertz frequency off the air , but the fault was located, properly repaired, the transmitter was tested and it is now once again on the air at full power, beaming to the central area of North America...

Actually we call that antenna the ìChicago beam î , because its azimuth is almost exactly beaming to the Great Lakes region... It is running 100 kiloWatts using a pulse step modulated energy efficient transmitter, and the antenna in used is a classic curtain array, described by the ITU as a 4 , 4 , 0,8 antenna system...

This designator explains that it has 4 dipoles on each row, and 4 vertically stacked rows of dipoles, so it could also be called a sixteen dipoles antenna system. The estimated gain over a single half wave dipole theoretically located at the center of the array varies from 5.6 to 12. 6 megaHertz, that is the frequency range where the antenna can be operated. By the way, the sixteen broadband dipoles are placed in front of a huge wires reflector system that gives this type

of antenna an extremely high front to back ratio... in other words, the relation between the power delivered in the direction of the antenna beam and the power that is transmitted in the opposite direction is extremely high.

This parameter is known among antenna experts as the ì front to back ratioî , and in the case of the 4, 4, 0, 8 curtain array it can easily reach up to a thousand times, or 30 decibels of front to back ratio...

Just to give you an idea , when fed with 100 kiloWatts , this type of curtain array operating around 6 megaHertz that has a measured forward gain of no less than 16 decibels over a half wave dipole , will radiate an effective radiated power of around four megaWatts or four million Watts... the backward lobe will then be radiating no less than 27 decibels less... or around 8 kiloWatts.

The use of highly directional high gain curtain arrays with such effective front to back ratios is what makes possible to operate more stations on the crowded short wave broadcast bands... (RHC DXers Unlimited script for Nov 23, via DXLD)

So Arnie admits that RHC may be putting out 8 kW off the back of 6050, more or less toward Ecuador. That is only theory, and we know how out of whack RHC transmissions can get, with something going wrong as monitored here just about every day. Could be more, maybe less.

Since HCJB is running only 10 kW, and the skip distance at night is rather favorable, 8 kW from Cuba could well be enough to cause harmful interference in HCJB`s target areas which *are* duly registered in HFCC as CIRAF zones 11, 12, 14, and 16. That is from the southern tip of South America to ---- CUBA! Including all of Central America and the Caribbean, excluding Brazil. The azimuths are dual, 18 and 172 degrees, so is it a dipole? But those degrees are obviously not 180 apart. Apparently it is not an NVIS antenna as would work best close-in. But is an unique type 761 antenna, whatever that is, used by no other station in the HFCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A truly `expert` frequency manager would `think outside the database`:

Realize that stations not in the DB should be taken into consideration, in a spirit of cooperation and avoiding mutual interference to the maximum extent possible. If for no other reason than to avoid bad PR resulting from stomping on a long-established and beloved station such as HCJB. Which IS in the HFCC database, anyway, unlike RHC.

Not make excuses that there is no overlap in CIRAF target zones. Plenty of signal also goes to adjacent or opposite zones.

BTW, this mindset is all too pervasive among those who do participate in HFCC: Leave it to the computers to figure out collisions rather than accumulating years of experience in monitoring how signals really behave, then applying it, and actually turn on a radio (on hand or remote) to hear what is really happening; and err on the side of caution (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I forwarded this material to Stephan Schaa, HCJB frequency manager, and he replies:

``Hello Glenn! Thank you very much for forwarding the info to me!

There is indeed quite an amount of HF Energy in the backlobe of the RHC Antenna. It`s that strong to the south side that in times where our transmitter is off air you can listen to the RHC signal on 6050 kHz without any problems in the middle of Quito. We put a remote receiver up there and I made some short recordings this morning (at 0800 UT), half an hour before HCJB`s 6050 TX comes on air again. Sadly RHC broadcasts some more hours and disturbs our transmission in the morning hours as well.

I wrote begin of last week the last time to Arnaldo Coro Antich and got no response from him. This is what I wrote (he already had complained to Alan Graham that I didn't answer his last Email (which I got Friday afternoon and I answered on Monday...) which he found disrespectful):

`Dear Arnaldo!

I got your Email on Friday afternoon local time in Germany. Then I immediately had a call with Horst Rosiak in Quito. He promised me to check how the signals on 6050 kHz in the Quito region this weekend. (by the way: did you get Horst`s mail end of last week?)

So please acknowledge that the reason for not immediately answering to you is not at all disrespect, but more in depth investigation of the problem from our side, because I wanted more information before writing back to you. The rest is probably a problem with the different time regions which you, Horst Rosiak and me are living in.

As I told, I would have preferred to have a little bit more time to check the problem in depth (we did not got an answer from our contact person to Ecuador`s telecommunication bureau). But I can tell you already some of our observations at this point, too:

The RHC signal on 6050 kHz is clearly audible with carrier at about -60 dBm, about 40 - 50 dBm above the noisefloor in Quito city at the

time just before our transmitter gets on the air. (I'll attach a small mp3 recording that I made with our remote receiver in Quito yesterday morning on this email.) When our transmitter is on the air with the kitchwa indigenous programming, there is RHC's programming also clearly audible in the background.

I made some simulations with our prediction software [VOACAP]: It shows that the signal from Cuba should be at about 40 dBuV in Northern Ecuador and the Andean region through the backlobe of a 4/4/.8 antenna from your site. It seems that even with your excellent 4/4/0.8 antenna which is very precise in directing the shortwave signal into a certain direction, the front back ratio is not as perfect as antenna datasheets would like to tell.

As you can see, our signal is at about 40 - 50 dBuV in the Andean region in Ecuador and around. So with your signal at about 40 dB uV it's almost the same strength as our transmitter with 40 - 50 dBuV in the region. Because of that our signal is almost unusable in the northern part of Ecuador and the countries around.

HCJB has used the frequency of 6050 kHz for more than 60 years. And, as I already wrote, unfortunately it's not possible for us to change the frequency for some hours of the day at this transmitter and it's even very very difficult to change it completely to another frequency at all. Also we distributed a lot of solar powered fixed frequency radios to a lot of people in the region that like to listen to the regional languages programming. These radios would become worthless if we can't use the frequency anymore.

We now know that our use of the frequency of 6050 kHz is not registered correctly with the ITU list this season, even if registered at HFCC and other lists. Though it would be very kind of you, your colleagues and RHC if it would be possible for you to move your North American transmissions to another free frequency in the 49m Band. We at HCJB, our listeners in the Andean region and a lot of DXers all over the world would appreciate this very much.

Yours truly, Stephan Schaa` (to Arnie Coro, via DXLD)``

Hello Glenn, I've been reading the comments made concerning the use of 6050 by RHC - and now the excellent and very detailed information in >>Glenn Hauser logs November 28-29, 2010<<. It's all about - bad frequency planning.

I think the brief comments I made about RHC's utilisation of 6050 have been clearly vindicated. I'm no expert, but most SWL's with only a modicum of knowledge about antennas and propagation will know that, no matter what their design, they will still radiate some signal to where

it is not intended to go. Computer predictions are no match for actual propagation, and listening to what really happens. And no matter how good the RHC antenna and reflector is said to be, it is obviously putting enough RF into Quito, Ecuador, and surrounding areas as to cause harmful interference to HCJB.

All good stuff Glenn - let the 'amigo' in Habana huff and puff, but he know's he's in the wrong on many counts - jamming included. 73 from (Noel Green, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CIRAF zones and propagation conditions do not always come to terms one with another. This morning, on the island of Gotland in the Baltic sea, Bjˆrn Fransson was listening to HCJB on 6050. The signal suffered from co-channel interference and Bjˆrn soon realized that the intruder was RHC (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. DentroCuban Jamming Command continues to run amok far beyond the hours it is ``needed`` on certain frequencies. I am hearing the same weak pulse jamming Nov 30 at 0612 on 9490, 9825, 9955 and 7365, unlike the wall of noise jamming against MartÌ on 6030 and 7405 (which are just pileups of multiple pulsers). Only 9955 has a victim on the air, WRMI, but totally inaudible.

9490 is R. Rep˙blica via RMI via Sackville which finishes at 0300. 9825 is MartÌ which finishes at 0100. 7365 is also MartÌ which finishes at 0500. Meanwhile, the electrical expense these jammers against nothing consume (let alone the jammers against something) could better be spent on the downtrodden Cuban people, forced to accept food rationing short of starvation, and numerous other privations. This merely reconfirms that for the unelected and dictatorial Cuban government, the bodies of the People are the lowest priority; keeping their minds clean of contrary ideas is paramount. Popular Revolution, my foot! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, "No revolution is worth anything unless it can defend itself." Leninís Collected Works, Volume 28, 1974, pages 113-126
See http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Vladimir_Lenin
73! (Dmitry Mezin, Russia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, RDPi Frequency Manager wants to know if there is still a clash between RDPi and Radio Habana Cuba on 12040 just as you noted on Sat Nov 27 at 2250. I wonder if Arnie Coro is now going to tell listeners on his show that RHC have become victims of intentional co-channel interference (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, dxldydg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Henrik, There was on Sunday 28 as I reported; I did not check Monday, and anyway RDPI as I understand the schedule is definitely on 12040 only Sat & Sun 19-21, with the rest being for extraordinary emissions

only. But according to RHC schedules, it will always be colliding. And they certainly continue to use 12040 whenever I check (Glenn, ibid.)

** CUBA. RHC supposedly starts both 12040 and 15230 at 1100 and they stay on all day, but Dec 1 at 1446 nothing on 12040 tho 11760 is in well. 15230 at 1412 nor can I detect any RHC under CRI English via Sackville, tho 15360 and 15120 are audible. Are they keeping 15230 off now until CRI is finished with it? SAC cuts off CRI at 1458:51 during Chinese lesson, and still no RHC on 15230. But at 1524 recheck, there it is. Next check at 1728, 12040 is also on, in plenty of time to collide with Portugal later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[later:] Henrik, RHC 12040 was not on at 1446 Dec 1, but it was on at 1728. At 2020 I check again and RDPI is on with sports, very strong, but underneath I can detect RHC music // 11760, and making a SAH of about 2.5 Hz.

Since RHC 11760 was // the other frequencies 11730, 15230 at 2045 with Sonido Cubano that also means English was missing. 11770 with Arabic.

At 2152, still colliding on 12040, but RHC is a little stronger and RDPI a little weaker, heavier SAH. Next check 2234, RDPI is off and RHC is alone, fair signal (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Henrik and Glenn, as Arnaldo explains in long sentences, - the ITU Geneva is a bureaucratic monster. But the "real music" - we say in Aleman -, frequencywise on shortwave registration plays on HFCC organization meetings, with nearly 7000 registrations each twice a year, done by 120 engineers from various international broadcasting organizations.

I guess only a single time in Johannesburg South Africa, Arnaldo Coro was guest on this twice a year HFCC meeting. Annual HFCC membership cost some hundred dollars a year, RHC and Arnaldo Coro can ill afford such in their Cuban annual budget ... - I guess. Unfortunately Cuba is to be cushioned against reality in many aspects of international cooperation. vy73 (Wolfgang df5sx B¸schel, JN48OR, ibid.)

I seriously doubt that the cost of HFCC membership is the obstacle with RHC. Arnie has managed to visit the USA a few times with amateur friends or professional groups paying the bills; surely the other 120 engineers at HFCC would chip in enough to cover RHC`s membership, if necessary, in order to have it on board and avoid all these problems. (Glenn, ibid.)

But aren't Cuba, North Korea - and surely a handful of others - mere pariahs in the globe? It's no surprise their b/casters behave they way they do: that is simply a minor aspect of what those rÈgimes

really are, or am I wrong? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, ibid.)

China should be a pariah too, as the world`s number one jammer, but it actively participates in HFCC; and a good thing considering the huge amount of non-jamming transmissions it outsends. Tho they act like they own the place, and even prevent Taiwan from involvement (Glenn, ibid.)

Oh, China too, of course: it's a long time now that the huge amount of b/casts from them, particularly via other countries (which is most "interesting"), does make me sick.

Not necessarily radio, let alone HFCC related related, but I bet you know one particular big country that also acts like as if "they owned the place" too. I suppose you know it a lot better than most of us. 73, (Carlos, ibid.)

I always found it funny that they always give the excuse of money. I always suspected that if certain funds allocated to RHC were used for what they should have been used for maybe RHC would send someone. I can't even count the times, they would say they had no money, but yet the then director of RHC Milagro Hern·ndez Cuba would have a car with a driver daily, including a few times running into her at a store for diplomats spending money as if was going out of fashion. Always wondered how she did that on 250 Cuban Pesos a month.

The reality I think is Coro does not want to attend. I can predict a number of questions and issues coming up that I think he would rather just avoid (Keith Perron, ibid.)

Absolutely, money doesn't seem to be an issue. After all, they're wasting it on other things... like RHC and all the rubbish this & other stations (there are plenty of these around) spread which is what one may also term as some sort of pollution.

If there is no good faith, and it seems clear enough there's none at RHC, isn't it then a lot more comfortable for them not to establish any commitments (vis-‡-vis schedules & related matters) with fellow b/casters, if they were to attend such HFCC meetings? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, ibid.)

The RHC/HCJB clash on 6050 and related subjects were summarized briefly on WORLD OF RADIO 1541 (gh)

** CYPRUS. 14685-14710, OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, Nov 25 at 1410 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. Hi, the Friday-Saturday-Sunday Greek broadcast of the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation was a no-show today, Friday 26 November 2010. The transmitters signed on at 2215:00 UT (which they used to do earlier, to play the Greek-Cypriot IS tune), but the programme didn't start. The broadcast continued as empty carriers, dead air, you name it. It seems the engineers have noticed and gave up, pulling the plug on all three frequencies at 2220.
6180: 53543 (China National Radio co-channel)
7210: 53443 (CRI Spanish co-channel)
9760: 33333 (splatter from CNR jamming VoA on 9755)
(all via the BBC Cyprus relay station). Check again tomorrow. 73, (Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig / Germany, JRC NRD525+PA0RDT MiniWhip, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So did you? And next week?

** DENMARK. 1062 Denmark is on schedule with an open carrier at 0435 UTC. The interval signal will begin at 0440 UT. Signal is a solid s9+10 here (Bruce Conti, NH, http://www.bamlog.com UT Nov 7, MWDX yg via DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA. BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY, 12759 [sic] usb, AFN, Diogo Garcia, Chagos Archipelago, 1019-1211, 26 Nov'10, talks & interviews, 5 minute news at 1130,..., financial advice; 25332, deteriorating. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean 12579 (gh, DXLD)

4319, Armed Forces Network, Nov 15 1430 - Weak signal of excerpts from interview with former US president George W. Bush, followed by a medical advisory or announcement, read by a female. A male announcer at 1433 advised to 'complete your Christmas shopping early', followed by ID 'AFN Radio' at 1434. Signal seemed to slowly improve to fair. Signal marred by occasional garble ute speech; sounded like speech inversion or other encrypted talk (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radio Djibouti, *0300-0350, Nov 25, sign on with National Anthem followed by rustic local music and Arabic talk. Qur`an at 0303. Arabic talk at 0313. Local chants at 0330. Rustic tribal music. Weak. Signal usually stronger than this (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.08, HIIJ, Radio Amanacer; 2225-2232+, 24-Nov; M&W in Spanish religious program; choral music, sounding very Xmasy. BoH announcements mentioned Rep˙blica Dominicana. Noticeably better after 2230; poor before, needing LSB due to jammed Radio Marti (presumed) in Spanish on 6030 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

6025.09, Radio Amanecer, 1053-1105, Nov 26, Spanish talk. IDs. Jingles. Promos. Fair to good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

6025+, Nov 26 at 1136, badly squeezed between stronger Australia 6020 and DentroCuban Jamming Command 6030, apparent live show inviting phone calls to 809 number in Santo Domingo, discussing Madre Teresa, fading out by 1140: Radio Amanecer, slightly on hi side compared to 5025 Cuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6025.1, R. Amanecer, St.∫ Domingo, 2324-2334, 26 Nov'10, Castilian, interview with a priest; 34433, adjacent QRM. I've never got such a good signal from them. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 3279.90, LV del Napo, Tena, 0939:40-1015, Nov 25, abrupt sign on with local music. Religious talk at 0940 in possible Quechua. Some local Ecuadorian music after 1001. Spanish talk with ID at 1014. Station promos. Fair but slightly muffled audio. Appears to always sign on at exactly 0939 each day (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX Listening Digest)

** ECUADOR. Time signal station HD210A [sic] in Guayaquil noted November 18 at 0145 on 3810 LSB, SINPO 24332. Time checks every ten seconds (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, UK, Dec World DX Club Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

I often look for this in my 06-07 UT bandscans, but have not heard it in some weeks. LSB US hams like to use exactly the same frequency, but at least the beeps can sometimes be heard under.

And also I must once again for the n-th time point out that the callsign has one number in it, not three, as IOA stands for Instituto Oceanogr·fico de la Armada: HD2IOA (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 4918.9, romantic music seguÈs, Nov 26 at 0635, poor signal vs noise level and CODAR; on this frequency it has to be R. Quito, which sporadically reactivates on SW, usually lasting only a few nights before vanishing again. Go get `em. At 0644 it was the OSOB on 60m except for USA and Cuba (or OSAMOB ñ only South American on band). 0651 brief Spanish announcement, but could not copy. If there was an ID at hourtop, I dozed thru it, 0702 still music, but at 0709 ``Radio Quito --- amplitud modulada``. Next check at 1036, still a signal but unreadable on 4918.9 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4918.98, Radio Quito, 0533-0730, Nov 26, Spanish, LA pop, frequent IDs, "760 AM" mentioned only, no SW QRG. Quite weak here in the middle of Europe (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

4918.97, R. Quito, 1009 long talk by M in possibly Quechua. 1015 nice HC music with vocal by M and W. 1018 brief canned promo and ad block for 2 minutes, HC music briefly and same M announcer again with mention of "econÛmico". Song again 1030-1033 and more ads with mentions of Quito, then back to music. Another song and another ad block. Mentions of Ecuadoriana [sic]. More of the same. HC choral NA at 1057-1100. 1 minute announcement by M but no ID noted. A few more canned announcements, then finally a canned ID with mention of AM and FM. Fair to good but distorted audio like it used to be.(26 Nov.) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

4918.9, R. Quito carrier detectable vs noise level for a second night, Nov 27 at 0612, bit of music vs CODAR (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Checking 60m for Brazilian frequencies, found 4915 carrier, Nov 28 at 0611, but no 4919v where R. Quito had been active the past two nights. Dave Valko, PA, also heard HCQR1, Nov 26 at 1009-1100 on 4918.97 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [and non]. 6050, HCJB, La Voz de los Andes, Pichincha, *0825-0845, 27-11, signing on with Andean music, anthem, female, quechua, identification: "HCJB, Quito, 690 AM, onda corta 6050", time signals and comments in Quechua. Weeks ago the channel was clear to listen HCJB, but now interference from Radio Habana Cuba. 32322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, HCJB, Pichincha still exists, despite barrage from super signal de RHC between 01 and 11 UT; see CUBA. Nov 26 at 1042 not even a trace of HCJB can be heard under it, RHC off by 1101 about to move to 6095, so HCJB is audiblized: axually with R. Transmundial program, A travÈs de la Biblia inviting toll-free calls in PR and US to 1-800-880-5339, or e-mail atb@transmundial.org. Now the only problem is the lite het from Malaysia off-frequency to lo side. HCJB gradually weakens as sunrise oncomes. At 1133 its own programming, news from La Voz de los Andes, W&M alternating, temp 10 degrees, frequent timechex for 6:33, 6:34, etc. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT [and non]. 13580, Nov 26 at 1535 mostly motorboating, modulation just barely audible under, from R. Cairo`s Albanian service; much worse than neighbor WINB 13570 with its unstable carrier

detectable only with BFO on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, RNGE/"R. Bata", Bata, 1834-1906, 26 Nov'10, Vernacular, African pops menu; 34432, adjacent utility QRM. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, 0520-0545, 28-11, African songs, at 0530 Sunday religious program: "AlegrÌa en otro domingo, campaÒa de la Navidad, buenos dÌas, Cristo est· aquÌ". 23322. (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6250.0, Dec 1 at 0640, very poor signal with traces of music, presumed this about to fade out. Usually starts about an hour earlier when one should really start tuning for it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, 21/Nov 1431, GUIN… EQUATORIAL, em inglÍs. PregaÁ„o religiosa por OM, seguida de hino. Ocasionais interrupÁıes de segundos na transmiss„o. As 1436 OM volta com a pregaÁ„o e ‡s 1439 sai do ar abruptamente voltando ‡s 1440. As interrupÁıes, ficam bem mais freq¸entes a partir desse momento. N„o h· vestÌgios da R InconfidÍncia quando a R Africa sai do ar. 35444 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

15190, Nov 25 at 1602, very poor signal but sounds like the mumbling of Tony Alamo, who is also a regular on R. Africa at 2200. How from federal prison in Tucson does he manage to remain on the air here, and on European Gospel Radio? Tape library, and dedicated followers who still have money to spend, rather than compensating his underage ``wives`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA ECUATORIAL. 15190, Radio Africa, 0856-0905, 27-11, English, male, identification: "You are listening to Radio Africa, Thank you for listening to Radio Africa inspiration program, radioafrica @ myway.com". Strong interference from Radio InconfidÍncia, Brazil, eclipsing Radio Africa a lot of time. 21321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15190, tuned in R. Africa just as it was closing, Saturday November 27 at 2247, with myway.com address, P O Box ---, in Somulu [spelt] 100007, Lagos, Nigeria, for forwarding to ministries. Google prefers to spell it Shomolu, except on its own Google Map this area in

Lagos is labeled Somolu. Previously have heard them announcing Ghana and Zimbabwe addresses. Et al.?

CCI barely audible underneath with SAH, presumably InconfidÍncia. The carrier was still on at 2309, altho it may have ceded to ZYE522 by then. This time I was not hearing any wobble on the carrier, so Doppler effect affecting propagation was likely the cause before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also BRAZIL

15190, Radio Africa, 1620-1642, 28-11, English, religious songs, male, comments. 23322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7120, Observed in several days after 6/11 at 0355 with non-stop music as IS interrupted often with ID in 4 or 5 different languages, featuring Arabic and news in vernacular from 0400 // 7185. Also noted 1530-2000 but sometimes jumped to 7165 where Ethiopia is not on the air since October (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001, 16m Marconi), Dec Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

1-12, 7120, V Broad Masses? Eth [sic], 1631 with a very poor signal, S1 max (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. 9555.6: VOA Korean 9555 via Tinang, Nov 25 at 1355 has a severe het on the hi side. Jamming from Korea North? Despite current tension, doubtful, as VOK inaudible at 1425 on 9335 (or is it off?). There is under-modulation on the upper carrier, but can`t make anything out vs fully modulated VOA. The SW-07 with sync detexion and LSB suppression doesn`t help since it`s on a lesser antenna, Sony loop in the window.

I do notice that there is no het close to R. Australia on 9560, so likely the Ethiopian transmitter has varied further down than usual. The DXLD archive finds a mention of it in 9-004 down to 9556, per Chris Greenway, late Dec 2008, monitoring from Kenya.

Back before 1500 I am waiting for a clearer shot at it after VOA closes, but at *1455 QRM from the other side, 9560 with soft jazz prelude, which turns out to be NHK, 1459 announcement in Japanese and into Chinese.

VOA does go off 9555 shortly after 1459, so I listen to 9555.6 in the clear tho weakening. Sounds like HOA music, 1500 YL talking for 10 minutes, news? 1510 back to music. Aoki shows at 15-16, 9560 with V. of Democratic Alliance clandestine in various languages, Tigrinya on Thursday, from the R. Ethiopia transmitter.

9560.2, lo het Nov 30 at 1356 against R. Australia in English, but it cuts off at 1357, uncovering weak Horn of Africa music, so the R. Ethiopia transmitter has varied to here today (much closer to nominal, than Nov 25 at 1355 when I found it on 9555.6). Not checked again until 1528 when the het was now marring something in Chinese.

Per Aoki and HFCC, both CRI via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN, and RCI via Yamata, JAPAN are in Chinese this hour on 9560! 174 and 240 degrees respectively but theoretically no collision as to different CIRAFs 41 and 44S, i.e. S Asia and SE China respectively; and I was hearing only one of them (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 9705.00, Radio Ethiopia, 2025-2100*, Nov 27, wide variety of indigenous music, Horn of Africa music, and instrumental pop music. A few Amharic announcements. Possible news at 2057. Sign off with National Anthem at 2059. In the clear with a good signal. No //s heard. Irregular. Not heard every day (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. EUROPirates, 3885, UNID Dutch (does anyone know this station?), 1823-..., 27 Nov'10, Dutch songs; 25332, but improved to 44333. They were still on at 2325. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. 13695, Nov 27 at 1723, something in French, with cora music, underneath Harold Camping`s Open Forum. It`s RFI, Issoudun at 185 degrees, oblivious of the QRM from Okeechobee heading 355 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Die ìNeue Deutsche Welleî --- If you read German, here's a link to an article about upcoming changes at DW:
http://meedia.de/nc/details-topstory/article/strukturreform--die-neue-deutsche-welle_100031728.html

And if you read Russian, here's a timely Russian translation:
http://media-day.ru/topnews/4924

Nothing new there - apart from what we already heard from Kai. Curiously, a Russian translator invoked the word "perestroika" for the article's Russian headline. In the ex-USSR context that doesn't sound very promising :(The only "ray of hope" is that it will take some time or even years for the reforms to be implemented. At least, that's according to the Russian translation (Sergei S., Nov 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's an apparently hastily written article which does not get the details right. Mostly it refers to an article of the S¸ddeutsche Zeitung newspaper that appeared in print only.

New is the information that German radio is supposed to become a continuously repeating one hour loop, instead of the current two hour format.

The statement that it "will take years to implement the reforms" is no ray of hope either. Other sources expect a statement from the federal government before yearend.

And fully implementing the "trimedial" concept (this is what presumably will take some time) is no prerequisite for terminating shortwave transmissions, if that it your primary concern. I understand that the current transmission contract with Babcock runs out in next year. If so reductions are pretty likely already at this point (Kai Ludwig, Nov 28, ibid.)

My guess is that the DW agreement with Babcock (ex-VT Communications) would run out at the end of 2011, since it began at the start of 2007 (which would be a five year deal.)

If DW is planning to keep SW only for Africa, are the four transmitters at Kigali enough to do the job, or would they still want some additional capacity via other transmission providers? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, Nov 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Contrary to the DX Mix News item in DXLD-1047, Deutsche Welle is using BOTH 11865 and 12070 for its English transmission to West Africa at 2100, so the latter is in addition to the former, not a replacement. Both at equally solid level here in Texas, so both most certainly from Kigali.

DW has not updated the technical schedule online, so don't know if 12070 replaces either one of the two West Africa beams from Trincomale or the Sines beam to the same area at that hour.

Odd these days, however, that DW would use two frequencies for the same program from the same site to the same area in the same meter band? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, Nov 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Radio Gloria, Catholic station, will broadcast via Kall 0800-1400 on 6085 December 5, 12 and 19 then daily December 24 to January 2. Special QSL cards available. Reports with IRC to Radio Gloria, Postfach 540, CH-6281 Hochdorf, Switzerland (Christian Milling, Patrick Robic via Wolfgang Bueschel, Dec World DX Club

Contact via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. 13670, something strange here, Nov 27 at 1535, fire & brimstone preacher in English, not Brother Scare or another TOM psychophant, mixing about equally with South Asian(?) song, 1540 announcement Farsi-like. Can`t hear a SAH between them, so zero-beat. At 1544 the latter announces a ``P O Box`` but that`s all I can catch. At 1545 both of them cut off simultaneously, uncovering a Chinese lesson presented in French.

The latter is certainly CRI via ALBANIA as scheduled, 1400-1600 at 240 degrees, and the former fits for a Saturday-only transmission of MBR via Wertachtal, 1515-1545, 100 kW, 90 degrees. Aoki reveals it`s Bible Voice, in English (also on 13670: in English Thursday 1530-1600; and in Urdu Wednesday & Friday 1530-1600). Nothing else. Since both cut off at the same instant, I conclude that it was a double audio feed into and out of the Wertachtal transmitter, not external interference, Christians vs Christians; or Bible-Voicers vs Bible-Voicers! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. 3815 usb, Groenlands R, Tasiilaq, 2147-2215*, 25 Nov'10, jazz, Danish for news bulletin at 2200, music at 2214 followed by an abrupt closure; 45333 - never this strong (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 5765-USB, nothing detectable from AFN, Nov 25 at 1340 altho it has some DTV cable converter QRM to contend with here. Ron Howard who has no such problem, was not hearing it either today at 1414.

5765-USB, AFN barely audible Nov 26 at 1039, in talk, vs my local cable DTV converter bubbling, and now WTWW 5755 is splashing worse than before since audio processor has been changed. Also talk detectable at 1210, so is it back to newstalk including NPR Morning Edition rather than the country music stream? Guess not, as at 1239 country music. At least the transmitter is on the air today.

5765-USB, AFN, Nov 27 at 1256 is wrapping up a talk show, apparently concerning country music, a bit of which was heard, plus NPR outro credit. Hard to copy due to splash from incomparably more powerful WTWW 5755. But that goes off at 1300, and suddenly the AFN signal jumps as the FRG-7 is no longer being desensitized by WTWW, and we can hear the opening of NPR`s Weekend Edition Saturday, yay, still on SW.

[and non]. Besides seeking AFN in the mornings on night frequency 5765-USB, I am now also looking for it evenings on the listed day frequency 13362.5-USB. But nothing audible Nov 28 at 0028, despite big signals on 13580 and 13680 from CRI: respectively, Beijing site in Chinese, Xi`an site in Vietnamese.

5765-USB, AFN missing again, Sunday Nov 28 at 1302 and rechex later in the hour when WESUN should have been on from NPR.

5765-USB, no show again from AFN, Nov 29 at 1417, tho my cable DTV converter bubble-jammer has shifted far enough away from this frequency. Nor was it heard on 13362.5 at 2325 Nov 28 --- but see ARGENTINA!

5765-USB, AFN on the air today Nov 30, at 1403 with news, 1407 still talking but can`t copy any details beneath the cable DTV box bubble jammer I am loath to unplug and later force to rescan every time I undertake a SW DX session.

5765-USB, unable to detect AFN here Dec 1 at 1332 under my cable DTV bubble-jammer, but suspect AFN is really gone again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 11965, Nov 30 at 2202, Indonesian announcement, Suara ñ something, but cut off the air at 2202:40*. Back on at *2203:15 and seems slightly stronger, an overdue antenna change? W&M continue conversing with musical background. This is KSDA at 2200-2230, 100 kW, 255 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. Radio Verdad heard tentatively on 4052.5 at 0255 November 22, too weak to copy. Much stronger at 0125 November 23, SINPO 33322. Talk, brief identification, announcement, full ID 0130 followed by music, programme was in Spanish (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, UK, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

4052.5-, if you find R. Verdad inaudible or harder to hear, the reason may be that one of the modules in the new transmitter has failed, reducing power to only 220 watts as of Nov 27. I was not hearing it Nov 28 at 0602 when the NA should have been playing. QRP enthusiasts who never got them at 50 watts may want to try now.

4052.5-, hoped to catch R. Verdad sign-on, Nov 26, but nothing audible at 1127 or earlier, nor at 1131. However, at 1143 with BFO on I can hear a weak signal with music. Unsure when it came on; might have been there earlier but masked by additional local broadband noise source (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4052.5, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0502-0602*, 28-11, male voice, Spanish, religious comments, identification: "Radio Verdad", at 0509 English, program "Spiritual Songs", religious English songs and comments. Identification, anthem and close down. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

4052.5-, R. Verdad unheard lately. As of Nov 30, Dr. Madrid reports that there are further problems with the new 500 watt transmitter, so he has put the 50-watt unit back on for now.

As of noon Dec 1 (1800 UT), Dr Madrid says he got Radio Verdad`s main Omnitronix transmitter back on the air, altho at 210 watts rather than full power. It is operating with the spare module amplifier (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. HRMI Radio Misiones Internacionales is being heard on 3340 around 0130-0200. First noted at 0158 November 22 with Spanish programming, identification 0200, SINPO 24322. At 0130 November 24 US address given in English, otherwise Spanish programming as before, SINPO again 24322.

Radio Luz y Vida can sometimes be heard under the rapid pulse type interference on 3250 but it isn't easy. Noted at 0224 November 23 with presumed hymn, announcement, talk and song in Spanish, SINPO 21331 at best (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, UK, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** INDIA. Re 10-47: AIR strike tonight Nov 24. AIR Bangalore played Indian film music on 6180 kHz at 1910 UT, but has co-channel QRM bei DRM from Romania, the RRI twin from Saftica in Italian 1900-1927 UT.

BGL transmissions are the only AIR on SW tonight. 6180 Ar, 6280 En/Hi, 7550 En/Hi.

7410 and 9445 BGL are OFF tonight, also all others OFF at Aligarh and Delhi Khampur 6120, 9470, 9620, 11935 kHz. (wb)

On A-DX ng noted 9950 kHz at 1905 UT - AIR in DRM. (Norbert Graf)

but heard 9950 empty here in Stuttgart, nothing in DRM at 1925-1930.

Here in EUR heard AIR at 2030 UT only: BGL only on 6280, 7550, and 9425, latter towards Far East - reverse signal not very strong. All others are OFF air. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR strike tonight Nov 25. On air observed so far

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Persian 1615-1730 9620 (disturbed Aligarh audio quality)
Arabic  1730-1945 6180  9620 (  "     "   "   )
DRM     approx. 1730-2230 UT
English 1745-1945 6280 7410 7550 9445  9950DRM
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2045-2230 6280 7550 9445 9950DRM (9575 11620 not heard)
73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, 2100 UT Nov 25, ibid.)

Here is my delayed report on AIR. (Due to internet problems, I could [not] send this yesterday)

The broadcasts of AIR stations which were disrupted for 2 days from 0330 UTC of Nov 23, 2010 due to strike by staff resumed normal broadcast from around 0330 UTC of 25 Nov 2010.

During the strike period, most stations were off air, some were on with music only and some others with carrier only.

Here are my monitoring observations of AIR for the night of 24 Nov 2010 and morning of 25 Nov 2010.

On SW only Bangalore station was monitored on most of their scheduled External Service frequencies, Vividh Bharathi (9870) and National Channel (9425) playing music.

The External Service frequencies noted from there were playing only music as follows:

1330-1500 9690 13710
1515-1600 11620
1515-1730 13645 (did not change to scheduled 13770 from 1615)
1615-1715 11620
1730-2030 6180
1745-2230 6280 7550
2245-0045 7305 13605
2300-0045 13795
0015-0330 6155 (scheduled Urdu started from 0330)
0215-0300 11735
0215-0300 11985 15075
0315- 15075 13695

MW (of 24 Nov 2010 and morning of 25 Nov 2010)

900 Cuddapah Music from some time around 1345 UT
1089 Udupi ? Test Tones
1053 Tuticorin External Service Music only
1125 Udaipur Normal program
1296 Darbhanga Normal programs
1386 Gwalior Test Tone
1530 Agra Sign on at 0025
1566 Nagpur National Channel on from 1320-0040 with music
1584 Keonjhar ? plus another Hindi speaking station sign off at 1740, sign on at 0025.

73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India Nov 26, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA [and non]. 4920, Nov 25 at 1335 very weak signal sounds like intonation of English news from AIR Chennai, 1336 into music. So back in business after strike, which was to end at 0330 Nov 25? Only this and 5030 Malaysia making some audio from Asia on 60m. Several 90m PNG frequencies were also attempting to be heard.

External service unseems back to normal yet: GOS 9690 at 1356 Nov 25 hum with S Asian vocal music like VBS 9870 but not // the same. 1401 and later chex such as 1435 when there should be talk, found nothing but music on 9690. 9425, not sure if on the air, weak something between Greece and FEBC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reinventing DD and AIR
http://sify.com/finance/reinventing-dd-and-air-news-analysis-kl0aOmdfcfa.html

Photo of striking AIR employees at AIR Hyderabad
http://www.hindu.com/2010/11/24/stories/2010112460960400.htm
(via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

AIR BACK ON AIR - SERVICES RESUME AT 9 AM
Kusum Arora, Tribune News Service, Jalandhar, November 25
http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20101126/jal.htm#1

ìYe Akashvani HaiÖî, avid radio listeners had reason to cheer in the morning as they got to hear their favourite programmes on the Jalandhar AIR after two days of silence on account of strike by the National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees (NFADE).

The Jalandhar AIR resumed its services and went on air from 9 am today. It was a tough time for the loyal listeners of the AIR during these two days.

So much so that the staff at the local radio station was swamped with calls from across the region thanking them for being on air again.

Narrating an interesting instance, Senior Announcer Kamlesh Gulati said many of the listeners took their radio sets to mechanics to see why only the channels of the Jalandhar AIR were off air. The listeners virtually thanked the AIR staff for starting the services of their favourite channels.

ìWe were left answering the queries of the callers pertaining to the silence. Initially the listeners thought that the radio sets are not working properly. Their curiosity came to an end only when we told

them about the strike,î she added.

The Director, AIR, B.C. Pawar, said as soon as the channels went on air, the first thing listeners asked was about our services.

ìConcerned radio fans repeatedly enquired and took assurances from the AIR staff that this will not happen again. The listeners across the region share a lovely bond with the Jalandhar AIR,î he added.

ìSome of the listeners were so upset that they contacted their favourite programme announcers for when the programmes will be back on air,î said Sukhwinder Sukhi, another radio announcer.

Sukhi added that they received calls from others states too. ìOne of our loyal listener Inderpal Singh from Jugsalai, Tata Nagar, and Jatin Mehta from Ahmedabad especially asked about what went wrong at the Jalandhar AIR,î he added.

Among the loyal callers who were anxious to know the reasons for the sudden silence were - Satpal Arora, Kanchan Arora, Rajat Arora and Sahil Arora from Kot Isse Khan, Baldev Bajwa from Kapurthala, Sanjiv Jain and Rajesh Jain from Mullanpur Mandi, Sunil Pathak from Anarkali Bazaar from Jagroan and many more.

The listeners who have been waiting with unabated [sic] breath these two days today started their day with ìPop te Topî programme on FM Rainbow, ìFilm Musicî programme on Vividh Bharti, ìPunjabi Film Musicî on DTH, ìFilm Sangeetî on Primary Channel.

The Jalandhar AIR starts its service with ìGurbani Vicharî, which is broadcast live from the Golden Temple at 4 am daily. While the Vividh Bharati services begin at 6 am and FM Rainbow begins at 7 am daily.

Meanwhile unit secretary of the NFADE Pardeep Kumar said they would conduct their second phase of strike from December 13 to 16. ìThe AIR employees want repeal of the Prasar Bharti Act-1990,î he added (via Alokesh Gupta, Nov 26, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, Nov 15 1548 - Buzzy transmitter, and almost obliterating subcontinental music on this frequency. Presumed (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Guwahati is lately noted on 7429 instead of 7420. The sked is
0130-0230 Nepali, 0230-0300 HS, 0300-0430 Bangla, 0700-0800 Nepali, 0800-1100 Bangla, 1215-1330 Tibetan, 1330-1430 Nepali, 1445-1515 Bangla,1515-1600 HS,1600-1730 Bangla, 1730-1740 HS

Today 28 Nov 2010 AIR External Service via Aligarh was noted in Urdu instead of Dari on 9910 at 0300-0359. Urdu service via Aligarh on 11620 was in parallel then. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India Nov 28, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Wrong feeds by AIR --- Yesterday Sunday 28 Nov 2010 on 15770 I heard AIR Home Service News in Hindi from tune in at around 0900 instead of scheduled External Service in Indonesian. Also Yesterday 9910 was noted with External Service in Sindhi instead of Dari/Pushtu/English from tune in around 1315 to 1545. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Nov 29, ibid.)

Yesterday 29 Nov 2010 at around 1315 to 1500 UTC on 9910 AIR Sinhala Service noted instead of Dari & Pushtu. At 1500-1545 Test Tones and upto 1545 Gujarathi Service (Jose Jacob, ibid.)

The updated B-2010 schedules of AIR is now available as follows:

SW Frequency wise: http://qsl.net/vu2jos/sw/freq.htm

External Service (Time wise): http://qsl.net/vu2jos/es/time.htm

External Service (language wise):
http://qsl.net/vu2jos/es/Language.htm

73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio Nov 29 dx_india via DXLD)

** INDIA. 9690, Dec 1 at 1345, GOS of AIR ending a Commentary scripted by one person named, and read by another, in the government station`s bureaucratic bloat; bit of music, another ID, and then introducing a segment of ``light music`` with an Indian flavour. Signal sufficient but with ever-present hum, not too much flutter. Even better signal on 9870 VBS from same Bengaluru site. An hour later, 9690 had deteriorated considerably (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. INDIAN BROADCAST STAFF PLAN SECOND STRIKE

Employees of Indiaís national broadcasters, Doordarshan (DDI) and All India Radio (AIR), are planning a second strike following a two-day stoppage this week. They are demanding the repeal of the Prasar Bharati Act, which they say gives the broadcasters autonomy only in day-to-day matters, without financial viability, the Business Standard reports. Prasar Bharati, the national broadcasting corporation, oversees the two organisations.

ìThere is no money to upgrade infrastructure at Prasar Bharati. Our office buildings are in shambles. Prasar Bharati is not financially viable. We want to function as independent media units but under the government,î S Anilkumar, Chairman of the National Federation of Akashvani and Doordarshan Employees, said.

The federation described the strike on Tuesday and Wednesday as a resounding success, saying 1,700 of DDIís 1,800 stations had gone off the air. Official sources said the operations of DDI and AIR were ìbadly affectedî, the Hindustan Times reports.

DDIís Director General, Aruna Sharma, told the Press Trust of India that four regional centres stopped operating during the strike but that the News channel and the Asian Games telecast continued to air as usual.

The federation said the next strike would last for three days from 13 December (Source: Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union) November 26th, 2010 - 13:28 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. I happened to drive past the MW/SW transmitter site of RRI Kendari last week on the way out to the airport. The site is in the village of Lepo-Lepo.

The MW mast for 954 kHz is clear enough in GE at 04 01 06S, 122 30 19E. The SW antenna can be seen from the road, but I can't make it out for sure in the GE image; actually besides the MW mast and a self-supporting tower carrying the VHF antenna for the STL, there are four small masts in the site. Two of these look to be old and probably out of use, while others in better condition support the SW dipole. From the road, all four of these masts appear to be close to the transmitter building. Regards from Jakarta (Alan Davies, circa Nov 20 via Ian Baxter, Nov 27, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, Nov 15 1409 - RRI network news with various announcers and news items in Indonesian. Good signal (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9526-, VOI Nov 26 at 1042, fair with flutter, music with IADs, perhaps during English hour. At 1108 in slow and deliberate Chinese, non-native speaker? Poor with ACI from Chinese on 9530. Not checked again until 1600, poor-fair, music, IADs, het de 9525.0, i.e. CRI English via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN; 1601 ``Voice of Indonesia, the Sound of Dignity`` ID in English, into Arabic, 1602 Qur`an for several minutes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

V of Indonesia booming in 27/11 1900, 9526 kHz, have to be a bit swift to get the English ID at this time between their German programming and TWR Swaziland firing up, as you will see from the recording there is about a 30 secs window. This is what I heard:
http://www.box.net/shared/kuicyc2a2x
73's (Mark Davies, Anglesey UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, VOI still on the air Nov 29 at 1521, with music, VG except for IADs, but cut off abruptly at 1522* and did not return next few minutes.

9526-, now I don`t feel much sense of loss when I miss most of the Tuesday Exotic Indonesia hookups between VOI and RRI Banjarmasin --- as they refuse to fix the intermittent audio dropouts. I did tune in at 1354 Nov 30 long enough to confirm that the show did go on, with music Plus IADs, then Jak announcer and Banj guy discussing the artist (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISGTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 5920, Dec 1 at 1333, bit of Qur`an, talk, 1335 news theme and headlines with musical background, fair. It`s VOIRI again, per latest DX Mix News` updated sked: 1330-1627 on 5920 Kirmanji dialect. HFCC shows 500 kW nondirexional from Kamalabad; probably long-path.

9830, fair and sufficient Nov 29 at 1430 in Arabic, mentioning Jumuhiriya, brief news theme by cheesy military band, akin to Cairo`s but different tune. Several mentions in Arabic of Islamic Republic of Iran, in headlines so suspect it`s VIRI --- if it`s not in Farsi, that`s what it could be. Indeed, so registered, 500 kW from Kamalabad at 1430-1730 178 degrees, plus 1730-1830 at 210 degrees in `Sawahili`. No sign of RTTY QRM now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. Updated winter B-10 for VOIROI/IRIB:
ALBANIAN
0630-0727 on 13810 15235
1830-1927 on 6100 7285
2030-2127 on 6100 9740
ARABIC
0230-0527 on 6065 7350 9895
0330-0427 on 5915 7295 "Voice of Palestine"
0530-0827 on 13790 13800 15550
0830-1027 on 9885 13800 15550 (13790 is cancelled)
1030-1427 on 13790 13800 15550
1430-1627 on 9830 15550
1630-1727 on 6065 9830
1730-0227 on 6065
ARMENIAN
0300-0327 on 5915 7295

0930-0957 on 9690 15220
1630-1727 on 6185 7230
AZERI
0330-0527 on 6200
1430-1657 on 6200
BENGALI
0030-0127 on 5915 6100
0830-0927 on 13680
1430-1527 on 7380 11600
BOSNIAN
0530-0627 on 13760 15235
1730-1827 on 7200 7295
2130-2227 on 5950 9710
CHINESE
1200-1257 on 9900 11670 13650 15150
2330-0027 on 5945 7325 9710
DARI
0300-0627 on 9885 11935
0830-1157 on 11670 13725
1200-1427 on 9940 13725
1430-1457 on 9940
ENGLISH
0130-0227 on 6120 7250 "Voice of Justice"
1030-1127 on 15460 17630
1530-1627 on 9915 11655
1930-2027 on 6010 #6115 7320 11695 11860
[English given on WORLD OF RADIO 1541]
GERMAN
0730-0827 on 15085 17690
1730-1827 on #3955 6205 7380
FRENCH
0630-0727 on 13600 15560
1830-1927 on #6115 5980 7380 11775
HAUSA
0600-0657 on 17810
1830-1927 on 9715 11965
HEBREW
0430-0457 on 9820 11925
1200-1227 on 13740 15390
HINDI
0230-0257 on 7340 9510
1430-1527 on 7370 9585
INDONESIAN
1230-1327 on 15515 17690
2230-2327 on 7315 9675
ITALIAN
0630-0727 on #9770 13620 15085
1930-1957 on 5890 7380

JAPANESE
1330-1427 on 9585 9905
2100-2157 on 5995 6145
KAZAKH
0130-0227 on 7205 7265
1530-1627 on 9540 9850
KURDISH
0430-0527 on 6170 9610 Sorrani dialect
1330-1627 on 5920 Kirmanji dialect
PASHTO
0230-0327 on 6095 6155
0730-0827 on 11990 15440
1230-1327 on 7225 9520
1430-1527 on 5890
1630-1727 on 6015 7345
RUSSIAN
0300-0327 on 7370 9510
0500-0527 on 12025 13680 17680 17780
1430-1527 on 7345 #7420 9610 9685
1700-1757 on 3965 6090
1800-1857 on 6035 7305
1930-2027 on 3985 7205
SPANISH
0030-0227 on 6010 7240
0230-0327 on 6010
0530-0627 on 13710 15400
2030-2127 on 5950 #6055 7200
SWAHILI
0400-0457 on 13680 15260
0830-0927 on 17660 21640
1730-1827 on 9830 11715
TAJIK
0100-0227 on 5955 7355
1600-1727 on 5955 7200
TURKISH
0430-0557 on 9865 11640
1600-1727 on 6175 7315
URDU
0130-0227 on 3965 6030 6185
1300-1427 on 5940 9790 11685
1530-1727 on 5890
UZBEK
0230-0257 on 6175 7360
1500-1557 on 6070 7215
Sitkunai, Lithuania
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 1 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Frequency changes of Radio Farda in Farsi:

0830-1130 NF 11975 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg to WeAs, ex 9520
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 1 via DXLD)

** IRELAND. Atlantic Radio from the west of Ireland is back on shortwave this morning with a new antenna on 6960 kHz. Exact frequency is 6959.70 kHz. SINPO 35433 here at moment (1100 UT 29 Nov). Their previous shortwave antenna was damaged by the weather around 5th November (Alan Pennington, Caversham UK, AOR 7030+ / K9AY, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD) Pirate, but since location seems certain we won`t generalize it to EUROPE (gh)

** ISRAEL. 15760, 21/Nov 1514, R Israel, em Persa. OM fala com outro pelo telefone, parece uma entrevista. Sinal degradando, mas h· vezes de melhora. Ajuda na ID atravÈs do link http://www.iba.org.il/world/ (clique em live no alto do lado esquerdo da p·gina e aguarde), entrevista continuou atÈ o tÈrmino da minha escuta ‡s 1538. 25322 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. Dear Glenn, tuned on 9510 KHz at 0900 UT on November 27th. I heard the World Of Radio Program with a strong interference from ?CNR China? At the same time on 9500, 9505, 9515, 9520 there were not any broadcasting stations. Heard in the village with Sony ICF2001D and Folded Marconi Antenna 16 meters long. 73s, (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HFCC shows it`s CNR Mongolian service via Urumqi, EAST TURKISTAN, 9510, 0530-1030, 50 kW, non-direxional (gh, DXLD)

Dear IRRS, On November 27th I monitored your broadcast at 10-11 CET on 9510 kHz. SINPO 35433/2. The signal was fluttery (in fact, conditions were generally poor this morning). At 2000 CET I had good reception on 6090 kHz or SINPO 45444. Kind regards (Christer Brunstrˆm, Sweden via Alfredo Cotroneo, IRRS, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

Poor reception conditions on Nov 27 as reported also from Sweden, but no interference on 9510 from 09-10 UTC in Central Europe.

Please notice that as of Jan 1, 2011, we will have to remove the free-of-charge broadcast of WOR on Saturday morning. We will try to keep the other broadcast, but it may have to be removed later on as we squeeze more of our members' programs in the current schedule. Sorry. Regards, (Alfredo Cotroneo, IRRS, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. RHC also collides with NHK in Spanish 6120: see CUBA

But why in the world would NHK want to broadcast to target areas where it is 2, 3, 4 or 5 am? = 1000 UT in Spanish on 6120 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 3945, looking for R. Nikkei-2 overtime, as suspected yesterday until 1329* but Nov 26 unheard at 1126 tho -1 was in poorly on 3925; no VANUATU audible either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950.00, *0125-0215 26.11, INDIA, R. Kashmir, Srinagar. Kashmiri ann after AIR IS, ID: "Radio Kashmir", talk, 0130 news in Urdu, 0135 Muslim recitation, talks and songs; 34443, Heterodyne from Angola. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde, Denmark, covered by 10 cm of snow, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS Pyongyang, Nov 15 1340 - A variety of Korean music heard, but mostly lavish orchestral pieces as usual. Blockbuster S9+10dB signal, and parallel to 657 primary MW outlet as well as 684 and 855.

3350 KCBS Pyongyang, Nov 15 1413 - Strong transmitter spur of Pyongyang found here, parallel to 2850. Very buzzy and distorted audio, almost obscuring programming. Heard on two receivers. (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5955, Shiokaze, Yamata [JAPAN]. Fair in English with talks about people who have disappeared over the years, close at 2059 with many mentions of Seabreeze on 11/11 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535, Ewe and Folded Dipole), Dec Australian DX News via DXLD)

That was a UT Thursday; we rarely see reports of Shiokaze`s morning transmission as can`t make it to NAm. Do frequencies jump around every few weeks for it too? How does the four-language rotation compare to the 1400 broadcasts?

5910, Shiokaze, Tuesday Nov 30 at 1408 is in Japanese, YL over sombre piano music. Sounds like she is saying ``thank you`` every so often, but maybe it`s really a similar-sounding Japanese word, like senkyu? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. Re 10-47: KBS World Radio confirmed this Saturday in its mailbag programme (probably recorded on Nov 25) that 6165 will be used at 2100 UT from Dec 1 and that tests transmissions began on Nov 25. However, African listeners noted KBS on Nov 24, but nothing was heard on Nov 25 & 26. The test was not aired on Nov 27.

But as some of you may have noticed, Voice of Russia is now on 6165 too (// 5920), apparently since Nov 25th (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Nov 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE/SOUTH KOREA, KBS World in French, NEW from Nov. 29 via TDF: 2100-2158 5920 ISS 250 kW / 185 deg NWAf, very good reception in BUL 2100-2158 6165 ISS 250 kW / 191 deg NWAf, co-ch R.N'Djamena & HRT-1. (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 1 via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. 3930.69, *0141-0205 24.11, CLANDESTINE, R Voice of Kurdistan, Sulaimaniya, Northern Iraq. Sign on with non-stop Kurdish pop songs, no jamming, S 9+10 dB, at exactly 0200 cut off in a song and ID by man in Kurdish: "Era Radyo Dengi Kurdistana", martial song about Kurdistan, 0203 ID by man again, female ID and proclamation about Democracy in Kurdistan, ID again mentioning just one frequency, 0205 orchestra music with big choir 55444, but then jamming started 52442 AP-DNK

3980.05, 0315-0325 22.11, CLANDESTINE, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq. Kurdish talk and songs 44444 Iranian jammer was on 3971.04 with QSA 5. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde, Denmark, covered by 10 cm of snow, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. [non]. via UKRAINE, 11530, Denge Mezopotamya, 1415-1500*, Nov 25, local Mid-East style Kurdish music. Kurdish announcements. Time pips at 1500 and off.

via UKRAINE, 7540, Denge Mezopotamya, *1500-1515, Nov 25, sign on with Kurdish talk. Some local Kurdish music. Weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** LIBYA. 15215, 21/Nov, 1815, UNID, OM fala. As 1820 menÁ„o a ¡frica. Curta m˙sica instrumental entre as falas do OM. Diversas menÁıes a ¡frica. Provavelmente idioma africano. Na lista Aoki A-10 existe uma transmiss„o da Voice of Africa nessa freq¸Íncia em francÍs, mas nessa atual transmiss„o n„o È francÍs. Acredito ser uma nova transmiss„o n„o incluÌda na Aoki e nem na EIBI B-10 da Voice of Africa. 35333 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** LIBYA [and non]. 17800, V. of Africa still here despite collision with Deutsche Welle: Nov 25 at 1416 VOA hilife music is atop the German, and clear with good signal on // 21695; but at 1420 DW is atop 17800 with report on Mozambique. At 1517 the two are about equal. At

1557 DW is off and Libya is now in French past 1600, so apparently continues for another two hours, but 21695 no longer audible, moved?

17800, V. of Africa still here ex-17725, colliding with Deutsche Welle, Nov 26 at 1529 about equal levels with talk in English about a sub-Saharan country vs DW sounder during German.

17800, V. of Africa in English still here ex-17725, Nov 29 at 1424, but today it is way under German from DW. Did MAQ have some beef with Germany, and order his propaganda voice to sacrifice a transmitter for the greater good of jamming Germany?

17800, a theme from Beethoven`s Ninth, so is it Deutsche Welle? Of course not! It`s V. of Africa`s English service to Africa, one of its perpetual musical bits, mixing about equally with German from DW via PORTUGAL to Africa, the collision continuing since last week when VOA inexplicably moved here from clear 17725.

Last time I wondered if MAQ had an issue with Germany, but it would seem not; however, he does have an issue with Switzerland, close enough? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Best Columns - Europe
SWITZERLAND: WEíRE PIONEERS IN CRAFTING RACIST ADS

Now a far-right group has upped the ante with its ads in support of a bill to automatically expel any foreigner who commits a crime, said Rachad Armanios in Le Courrier. posted on November 4, 2010, at 4:05 PM

Switzerland has rapidly become the world leader in racist political posters, said Rachad Armanios. We started last year, with the infamous billboard that persuaded the country to ban minarets. Itís visually quite stunning: A forest of minarets, each one pointy as a spear and evocative of a missile, sprouts from the Swiss flag, while in the foreground a woman peers menacingly out of the eye-slits in her burqa. Then came the anti-immigration poster showing three white sheep kicking a black sheep out of the pasture.

Now a far-right group has upped the ante with its ads in support of a bill to automatically expel any foreigner who commits a crime. One poster consists of a photo of Libyan leader Muammar al-Qaddafi and the words ìHe wants to destroy Switzerlandî ó a reference to the strained relations between Libya and Switzerland since 2008, when Qaddafiís son was arrested in Geneva for allegedly assaulting two servants. In what it called ìthe best interests of the state,î the government has banned the Qaddafi posters. But thanks to the controversy they caused, the ads have already succeeded ó everyone in Switzerland now knows what they say. The lesson is that extremist propaganda works. ìIn this

game, democracy is taken hostage.î (The Week, Nov 12, via DXLD)

17800, Deutsche Welle, German via PORTUGAL, and V. of Africa, in English about equal levels Dec 1 at 1409, alternating dominance in slight fading, but seem zero-beat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. Malagasy Lutheran Church, in Malagasy known as FLM: Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy, the third largest church in Madagascar with over 3 million members, has a broadcast via the Radio Netherlands Talata site 1630-1655 in Malagasy on 3215 50 kW (Radio Netherlands website, Wikipedia, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.62, Asyik FM (presumed) via Kajang 1410-1425 Nov 26. Koranic program in porgress, presume Suara Islam; seemed to end at 1418, replaced by YL chat and vocal music. Fair at best and deteriorating (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** MALI. 9635, RTVM, *0800-0840, Nov 26, sign on with flute IS and opening French announcements and into vernacular talk. Local tribal music after 0830. Strong carrier but weak modulation. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 1252-..., 26 Nov'10, Arabic, talks, advertisements in French during some break, news bulletin at 1300; 45444. They're still stuck on this frequency all day. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245, ORTM, Nov 27 at 0625 with characteristic soporific wake-up chanting, 0630 onto something more secular. Usually this signal is lesser than neighbors DW 7240 and Vatican 7250, but tonight it`s morer, as higher latitudes were barely propagating, such as Tunisia 7335.

4845, Nov 28 at 0610 detected carrier in WWCR splash, so is ORTM back on 60m? No, still chanting away on 7245, so 4845 was probably Brasil, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re: 730, Nov 7 at 1303, R. Viva Vida ID by super-hype voice actor, poor, i.e. XEHB, Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua. (gh)

Actually, the slogan is Radio Viva Villa, see:
http://radiovivavilla730.blogspot.com/
This blog is by their former owner but the name is still valid.
73 (H?kan Sundman, Finland, Nov 8, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 870, Nov 26 at 1301 as I tune in, the low-key YL announcer

is just IDing in Spanish as XETAR, La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, Chihuahua. I was hearing this a lot in October when the timing was more propitious.

700, Nov 26 at 1305, having searched the MW band for Mexican NAs, didn`t find any, but no matter as XEETCH was just signing on in Indian language(s), by W&M mentioning calls and Etchojoa, Sonora several times, plus ``700 AM``. 1307 sign-on in Spanish also saying it`s an emisora cultural. WRTH gives slogan as La Voz de los Tres Rios, but I have not heard that; 5 kW daytimer. {Why the double-E? XETCH should have been sufficient, and Googling does not find any such Mexican callsign, just Xenon Difluoride Etching}.

770, after KKOB NM had switched to night pattern at 0000 UT Nov 28, at 0008 dominating frequency is Spanish from the SSW or so, most likely XEACH, R. FÛrmula, Monterrey, with a live talk show discussing the PRI, and attempting unsuccessfully to call in a correspondent in Coahuila. I had the impression it was a network produxion originating in the DF (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Sorry it's been quite a while since I contributed anything here. I'd like to share some of my more recent XE Loggings with you all. These are all new stations for the Oklahoma logbook, and all were hrd using a modified Eton E-100 Slider ultralight receiver with a Select-a-Tenna. These are listed in chronological order beguinning with the very latest loggings.

860, XEUN, D.F., 0012-0050 UTC, 11/29/10, weak sig w/ SS yak at t/in. Several tentative "Radio Unam" IDs hrd. Severe QRM from KKOW, Pittsburg, KS. Faded out for a while but then suddenly came bk up with SS operatic mx...a tenor M singer. At that point I checked XEUN's website (streaming) and found this to be positively them. VP copy overall. In Houston, this one was an EZ catch. That's definitely not the case up here in northcentral Oklahoma.

770, XEQRV, Veracruz, VZ, 1040 UTC, 11/26/10, At first this one was barely audible under the usually dominant XEACH. Surprisingly their sig got stronger and stronger until they were right up there w/ XEACH! Played pops and R&R mx, most of which was in SS although several tunes had EE lyrics. Finally hrd what sounded like a lcl ad ment'g Veracruz. I found them // their online stream via Fred Cantu's excellent website: http://www.mexicora diotv.com/
If you've never visited the site, I highly recommend it. Fred has done an excellent job of compiling Mexican websites, many of which do have streaming audio available. Anyway, this sta was definitely // with the usual 15-20 seconds delay. No real ID was copied I'm sorry to say.

970, XEO, Matamoros, TM, 1117-1200+ UTC, 11/26/10, Super weak sig hrd

at first, but their sig very rapidly grew to an almost 90% copiable lvl within just a few minutes! Played a neat song w/ Andino flavor using pan flutes, etc. Many "Radio Gallito" IDs hrd throughout reception. Almost all M ancr tlk and ads after 1140 UTC. Featured a rel pgm called "La Voz de la Maestro" (The Voice of the Master) @ 1150. Rooster sfx 1202 followed by a full ID w/ XEO call letters. XE NA at 1203 UTC. I've tried to hear this one many times but nary a peep from them in OK til this AM. They were actually tough to hear even in the Houston area. OH, this one was also found with streaming audio on Fred's website as well.

670, XETOR, TorreÛn, CO, 1232-1300 UT, 11/24/10, Poor copy for the majority of this reception. Got a very lucky break when they first identified at 1250 (Radio Ranchito; no call letters copied.)

1340, XEDKT, Guadalajara, Jalisco, 0540, 11/7/10, mixing it up w/ several other XE stations, but many "R. Ranchito" IDs came shining through. I'm not sure why 1340 has been so "hot" lately. All I know is that I've been lovin' it!

1340, XENV, Monterrey, NL, 2315 UT, 11/3/10, "R. Trece" IDs & about 5 ments of Monterrey during what sounded like local ads.

1340, XEQB, Tulancingo, Hidalgo, 2348 UT, 11/3/10, all talk. Clear "R. FÛrmula" IDs. Not certain, but possibly a few mentions of "La Divertida."

1340, XERCH, Ojinaga, CH, 2330 UT, 11/2/10, hard to follow pgm'g. Several call letter IDs and MANY "R. Exitos" IDs.

700, XEDKR, Guadalajara, Jalisco, 1230 UT, 11/1/10, Seemed to be all talk. Very nice IDs were heard. "Radio Red AM, tu radio."

Wishing everyone good DX and best of 73! (Kirk Allen, Ponca City, OK, LatinMWDX yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6185, XEPPM, already on with musical prÈlude, Nov 27 at 2312, seguÈs of a variety of music, in Spanish when vocal, no QRM from AmazÙnia as no trace of a // to 11780.

However there was a SAH caused by XE being off-frequency to the low side, and the source of that is intriguing. Only things listed after 2300 are CRI 500 kW from Xi`an, 354 degrees in Mongolian; and China Huayi, 15 kW ND from Chengdu. Or maybe something via the UAE site at 500 kW, 300 degrees, but there are scads of wooden registrations for that. No longer getting the SAH after 2330 or so.

Anyhow, XEPPM`s nominal schedule is 00-12 UT (6 pm to 6 am local, ergo

23-11 UT during DST, over for four weeks now), but we`ve heard it previously well before 0000 and sometimes after 1200. Any doubt about the source was eliminated when full Spanish and English IDs were inserted at 2324, mentioning Radio Education, shortwave from Mexico City, XEPPM, 6185 kHz, 10 kW. Filled the rest of the hour with music.

Finally official opening at 2359 with short version of Mexican NA, 0001 UT Nov 28 live sign-on in Spanish and English, similar IDs as before, giving date 27 November; both languages voiced by same YL, Pabla(?) MartÌnez Luna; then ID only as its MW side, XEEP, 1060 AM, historical capsule, ``Historias y Memorias``, 0003 back to music. Unfortunately, that`s the extent of English programming from XEPPM. Too bad they don`t give us at least a 15-minute daily news roundup.

At least a webcasting station, Radio Imagen, does a good job of providing English news from Mexico, as in our Monitoring Reminders Calendar, search on XEDA at:
http://www.worldofradio.com/calendar.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 1142.3, SNRT-"A", site?, 1932-..., 25 Nov'10, Arabic, talks, phone-ins; surely a transmitter fault from any of the txs airing the main channel, and 540 is most probably the case as both signals were synchronised; 33442, QRM de Espanha on 1143.

A daytime obs.: 1503-..., 26 Nov'10, newscast; 23441, same QRM source. I had already observed this on 18 Nov, but on 1139.7 and putting bad audio. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 9730.81, Myanma Radio, 0936, Nov 30, vernacular announcements & songs to 1001:03 off. Have been monitoring this frequency during the past week and today was one of their "better" performances. As a rule, though, overall reception is too poor to be more specific about program contents. Fortunately powerhouse VOR on 9720 did not appear until 0946. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705, La Voix du Sahel (which I had observed on 16 Nov closing at 2302), Goudel, 1131-1315, 26 Nov'10, French, communiquÈ, Arabic at 1230, news (presumed) in vernacular at 1300; 34433, QRM de ETH 9705 prior to 1300. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 9690, Voice of Nigeria, 0910-0920, Nov 26, English programming with talk about local wildlife. IDs. Some local music. Fair.

9690, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu. 0846 November 28, 2010. Hausa female fast talker with frequent mentions of Nigeria and Abuja. Highlife vocals from 0849. Clear and good (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, 21/Nov, 1749, Voice of Nigeria, em ·rabe. OM fala, ‡s 1751 curta m˙sica local e OM volta a falar. As 1755 nova curta m˙sica local e logo apÛs OM fala. Bom sinal, mas a modulaÁ„o È baixa e com moderado zumbido. 45442 (O dois na opini„o geral È devido a baixa modulaÁ„o e ao moderado zumbido). (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

15120, once Cuba has quit, open for V. of Nigeria: Nov 25 at 1520 English items about Nigeria, South Africa, poor audio in axualities, but adequate from the studio; fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 780, KSPI, Stillwater, still has its carrier on Nov 27 at 2328 past 2331 and even at another check 2408, steady signal causing fast SAH to WBBM, but nullable. Confirming it`s KSPI, not only the direxion, but its constant weak spurs on 776 and 784. Official sunset in Nov and Dec is 2315 UT. NB: a daytime license means turn off the modulation AND carrier between sunset and sunrise! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 960, local KGWA, Enid, open carrier Nov 29 at 0640, 0651 and still at 0659 UT; next check at 1016, programming had resumed. Was Monday morning maintenance, or automation failed and nobody noticed? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1690, the next chapter in the saga of Enid`s talking house transmitter: Finally the afternoon of Nov 29 I go to the address on the recording, 3509 McClaflin Drive in the SE corner of Enid. Before 2100 UT in central Enid I am hearing it as usual, tho skywave from Chicago and Denver is already coming in, making TH sound wishy-washy, i.e. unstable FMy carrier just like Greg`s units formerly on 1670. Without the QRM it sounds OK.

But a sense of foreboding increases as I approach the address --- the TH signal fades out, so nothing but the X-band stations when I am parked in front of it. There is no sign on the curb about this being a TH, but the inhabitants are home so I ring the doorbell. The gentleman who answers is rather surprised, assures me the house is not for sale, but he did buy it two years ago from Ms. Sabedra!

So this is a leftover transmitter stored somewhere else which somehow

got turned back on recently, playing the old loop. Returning to central Enid I can again hear it around the intersexion of Maine and Van Buren, but now there is too much skywave. As I go further west, it is lost again. The realtor`s office is about five blox further north on VB, but a previous drive-by there did not find any signal peak.

So this presents another find-the-transmitter challenge, which needs to be conducted at low noon when there is least skywave QRM. Once I have found it, I will inform Ms Sabedra- and urge her to turn it off. My apologies to DXers everywhere else, but their chances of hearing this more than a mile away are minuscule.

1690, I have now tracked down the errant talking house in Enid. First I went back to the office of Smith Realty at 528 N Van Buren:
http://www.w4uvh.net/SmithRealty.jpg

And made sure the signal was not emanating from the building behind this sign. No, it was DFed to ESE from there. Driving east a few blox, the signal audibly increased on the caradio. Did a loop around the neighborhood, and soon around 1930 UT Nov 30 came to a much stronger signal in the 600 block of West Elm, across from Emerson Middle School. Parked across the street from a likely house, 607,
http://www.w4uvh.net/Sabedra.jpg
and on the DX-398 as I walked up the driveway the signal finally started to inboom, lighting up the signal meter.

Obviously this was it, confirmed by a car in the driveway with the same phone number on the back window as announced on the 1690 loop. Before I could knock on the door, a young lady emerged, having seen me approach, and it was Samantha Sabedra- herself! Since she had stepped into the windchill with bare arms, and I was all bundled up, I kept the conversation brief, but she told me she has about 5 TH transmitters in her house, and was working on this one to redeploy it.

Was not sure of the frequencies of the others, but they are on the signs to go with them. Too bad; I was going to offer to take 1690 off her hands if she no longer wanted it (tho I am less than impressed with the modulation and frequency stability). She is aware of Greg`s TH units, says he has been pushing other realtors to use them, and there is a third agency here that has some, Exit Homesellers.

Samantha says she has been selling real estate for four years. Her own house is nice but not in an upscale neighborhood; across from a school is undesirable due to noise and congestion, even if you are not a convicted sex offender for life. It`s rather modest, no doubt compared to some of the dwellings she has handled. Unlike Greg, she`s probably too young to have seven children, and thus the urgency to rack up many large commissions. What is a realtor`s typical commission, anyway?

Once I start hearing 1690 with a new loop, or other TH frequencies, I will know where to find her for more info, such as what kind of antennas are in use. A bit later this day, but before skywave QRM, she was just barely audible on the caradio near the intersexion of West OKG and Cleveland, barely one sesquimile away, but penetrating a built-up mostly residential, partially commercial path (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Rocket's Overhaul Plans --- The Rocket Radio Network --- What a great night in Enid on Friday. Scott has de-activated his page for now as he and the engineers and technicians work on final systems completions. Just like the space shuttle, The Rocket is getting ready for a whole new system. Keep watching for details (The Rocket, on Facebook, via DXLD)

?? That`s KEIF-LP 104.7 Enid, the LPFM station that got hit with a myriabuck fine from the FCC for running commercials, and an antenna too high for that kind of license. Vague as usual; what do they mean?

FCC FM Query does not show any CP for a change of transmitter site:
http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/fmq?list=0&facid=124554
In order to lower the antenna to legal level at the same coordinates, they would have to stick it out the window on the n-th floor of the Broadway Tower office building rather than atop it.

The ``great night`` refers to Enid Lights Up The Plains, Xmas promotion kickoff around the downtown square, crowds and fireworx, Black Friday (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** OMAN. 15140, Nov 28 at 1434, English news by YL JBA but not really readable, a rare appearance by R. Sultanate of Oman, as conditions from Arabia were above average (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Dec 1 turned out to be a rare good day for propagation from R. Sultanate of Oman`s English hour --- except at 1405 it`s in Arabic! 1415 ``Radio Oman`` ID, still Arabic. 1422 seashore sounds (waves and gulls), another ID, still Arabic. Highly produced show with music, other SFX, with Arabic narration. 1428 ID. Peaks S9+12, sometimes marred by overload from Cuba 15120 or WYFR 15130, but no co-channel QRM. 1431 fading some but still in Arabic when English news should have appeared. 1434 a snippet of Qur`an. What could have happened?

1, English has been cancelled permanently?
2, Rescheduled without notice?
3, DST applied unexpectedly, making everything earlier?
4, Pre-empted today only for some reason?
5, Wrong network feed by accident into 15140 transmitter?

6, English announcers have the day off?
7, Appears randomly anyway?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. New 4790.02, *0226-0325 fade out, 27+28.11, R Pakistan, Rawalpindi, Urdu/English. Reactivated after 21 months absence! Pop music, 0230 opening ann in Urdu, Pakistani folk music, 0300-0310 English news, songs and talk in Urdu 35232 (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3275, R. Southern Highlands, Nov 15 0838 - Male preacher with message about Jesus ('Love belong im; long life belong im'). Piano music 0841. Some CW QRM. Good signal. Still going strong at 1405 with sing-sing music. (Atkins-WA)

3290, R. Central, Nov 15 0843 - Excellent signal of news stories and brief interviews, mainly about sports in public schools and funding for teams that must travel for competition. Male announcers in English, and mentions of various PNG cities. I noted PNG's national anthem at 1403 recheck, and then R. Central was off. (Atkins-WA)

3315, R. Manus, Nov 15 0850 - Male announcer in Tok Pisin with weather forecast. Fair to good, beneath considerable thunderstorm static. Noted female announcer with sign-off announcements and ID at 1407 recheck. A capella vocals by female choir 1408; bird of paradise call, and then open carrier. (Atkins-WA)

3325, R. Bougainville, Nov 15 0853 - US pop music, and male announcer in Tok Pisin. Mentions of Papua New Guinea. Fair level. (Atkins-WA)

3365, R. Milne Bay, Nov 15 0856 - Soft spoken female announcer in English, with end of program of community affairs. 'Thank you for listening, and we look forward to another day.' Into advertisement for a school of information technology at 0859. Male announcer with ID 0900, and mentions of upcoming St. Jude religious program. Good to very good signal. (Atkins-WA)

3385, R. East New Britain, Nov 15 0900 - PNG country music at tune-in; into NBC news in English at 0901 with news about a cholera outbreak in a mountainous region, and a shooting and unrest in Bougainville. Excellent signal. (Atkins-WA)

3905, R. New Ireland, Nov 15 0911 - End of NBC news, blowing of conch shell, and into announcements by male announcer in English. Brief news items about Kavieng and surrounding region. Fair to good signal (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR /

AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. QSL: - 5960/3915 Radio Fly. E-QSL in 5 days from Jobby Paiva, who confirms my report and says (again) that they are printing QSL cards. Reply in 5 days for an E-followup to jobby.paiva @ gmail.com (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** PERU. 3329.53, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco, 1010 to 1017 om en espanol, CHU notched 26 November [Wilkner]

4746.971, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, 1022-1050, musica peruana with ID by om 26 November [Wilkner]

4774.906, Radio Tarma. Tarma, 1020 to 1040 good signal, music, 25 November [Wilkner]

4824.49, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, 1045 to 1100 excellent music, good signal, enjoyable 26 November [Wilkner]

4986.366, Radio Manantial, Huancayo 1030 to 1040 fading out 23 November (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5120.5, 20.11 2215, Ondas del Suroriente, riktigt l%sbar! Men ack vad den drev i frekvens! Trodde fˆrst att det var fel pÂ min Perseus, men den har alltid varit stabil, bÂde fˆre och efter och jag kollade den direkt mot RHC 5040 kHz, och den var helt stabil! (AN) Se sk%rmdumpen nedan!

5120.5, 20.11 2215, Ondas del Suroriente quite readable! But oh how it was drifting in frequency! Thought at first it was a problem with my Perseus, but it has always been stable, both before and after checking it against RHC on 5040 kHz, and it was completely stable! (Arne Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 15190, 21/Nov, 1807, FILIPINAS, R Pilipinas, em inglÍs. YL fala com constantes referÍncias a Manila. As 1808 m˙sica local rom,ntica. As 1814 YL fala. Moderada QRM da R Africa onde ouve-se a pregaÁ„o do OM. TambÈm QRM espor·dica da R InconfidÍncia, voltando ‡ freq¸Íncia; ‡s 1841 a QRM da R InconfidÍncia j· È mais acentuada. 43433 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** POLAND [non]. strange Polish radio outlet via Rampisham 500 kW powerhouse --- U.K./POLAND, 7265 kHz on Nov 25th at 1906 UT heard an

strange echo program of PRWarsaw in Hebrew. The spoken part was echoed by two different Hebrew text readers, the followed music singer was in the clear again though. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, with a clip to gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It sounds like a mix of two programmes to begin with, but it would be necessary to understand the language to be absolutely sure of what the cause was. I wonder if the satellite link from Poland to the UK could have been faulty. We may never know!!!!!!! 73 (from Noel Green, England, ibid.)

** PORTUGAL. 13720, Nov 27 at 1722, Iberian Portuguese with silly ballgame, // stronger 17820 and equivalent 15465, all RDPI simulcasting a domestic network enthusiastically (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 12040, Sat Nov 27 at 2250, RDPI with live sports play-by-play, therefore an `extraordinary` transmission extending the schedule. Trouble is, it`s colliding with R. Habana CUBA, where Arnie decided to use 12040 in B-10 instead of 12030, at 11-24 to Central America.

According to RDPI`s B-10 schedule, 12040 is 300 degrees to N America, 19-21 on Sat & Sun, but available daily 19-24 if needed. So on this Saturday the collision probably went on for the full five hours! Another screwup thanks to Cuba as an outlaw nation refusing to participate in advance coˆrdination via HFCC.

At 2310 also found RDPI on 7285 // 12040. That one is 45 degrees to Europe, Sat & Sun 2300-2400, and available for extraordinary emissions also on weekdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CUBA

** PORTUGAL. New Antenna SINES Portugal. Imagery for Sines-POR site was updated in the latest GE imagery update (Nov 16, 2010).

I note a new antenna (2 masts) having been erected between image dates: Oct 30, 2006 & Aug 28, 2009.

New antenna located here: 37 56 27.35 N 08 46 09.62 W
Does anyone have any information on the new antenna? Not often SW sites are expanded these days (Ian Baxter, Australia, shortwavesites yg Nov 21 via Wolfgang B¸schel via DXLD)

Re: New Antenna SINES Portugal. The oldest Antenna at Sines - of 1970year, see b-w picture- #2*, coloured #91, and QSL card too, is the log-periodic antenna at 55 degrees, mostly in service when the big revolving Thomcasts are OUT of service and maintenance. Also 55degr

log-per antenna in use for RDP relay in 31 and 25 mb. {* Copyright, b-w pictures of 1970 by visitor Kock-Finland.}

The new 'easy and cheapest' antenna - Made in Turkey - had been finished already and on service on a visit in Sept 2007, see attached screenshot, and pic #103 {right side foreground, in background old log-per of 1970y} and picture #104.

Azimuth 40 degrees, 2 x 2 dipol rows. Mostly in use for DWL German sce on 3995 and 6075 kHz. 146 AHR(S)2/2/0.5, but also used for DRM 3995 kHz as easy type #101. 101 AHR 1/1/0.5

The new Turkish antenna is a pure dipole-curtain antenna, contains no aperiodic screen reflector array, so the antenna is also open in reverse direction towards Brazil at 220 degrees. Used are 8 dipole wires, but only the lower stocked 4 halfwave dipoles are fed positively by feederline, and connected as loop to the upper full dipole leg.

The Turkish firm was NOT capable to build up a feeder line from TX house to antenna socket. The installation and commissioning was slowing great many months, due of handicraft work to build a feeder line manually, antenna type copied from a VTC/BBC TX site installation (Wolfgang B¸scel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 21 via DXLD)

History: from Sept 2007:
1 x very new curtain array at 40 degrees. Recently erected, Made in Turkey, not from Thomcast. Not visible on Google Earth imagery yet. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 28, 2007)

** PORTUGAL. 1035. R·dio Clube / Star FM. Since yesterday, Radio Clube PortuguÍs is over. Now the station is called Star FM. On 1035 kHz, instead of a radio focused on news and comments, one can hear an oldies radio. Very frequent IDs saying "Star FM, o regresso dos classicos" (Fernando de Sousa Ribeiro, Portugal, hcdx Nov 22 via BC-DX via DXLD)

Thanks Fernando for your help. I already suspected it was R·dio Clube, but I didn't manage to hear any ID. Anyway signal is much weaker than usual. The dominant station on this channel here is RAI now and in the past R·dio Clube was clearly dominant. Perhaps they are testing with a lower power (Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Spain, HCDX Nov 22, ibid.)

1035, Star FM, Belmonte (Benavente), a new station? No, just another MCR [stn owner] fantasy on the air; this happens to be the new ID of a new (...) station that, following a mid Juli'10 announcement by MCR, would "soon" replace the former Radio Club PortuguÍs. I first heard them using this ID this Monday, the 22nd. As far as I can hear,

the format was kept pretty much the same, i.e. an oldies station, but they reported to me a week ago, that more talks were planned for the slightly new format under this new name. Now, why bother to change, and why on earth a silly foreign name?

Station names using the format "radio club X" are already silly enough as the may suggest there is actually a club of some sort behind it! (Carlos Goncalves, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 24, ibid.)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA, 5240, on 24 Nov at 1800 UT, 5240 kHz MDA Radio Prednestroviya in Russian. SINPO - 45444 (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan-RUS "deneb-radio-dx", RUSdx via B¸schel via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

Rather intermodulation of fundamentals SW 6240 and MW 999 kHz at Grigoriopol Maiac, formula:
6240 minus 999 = 5241 kHz, should check symmetrical
6240 plus 999 = 7239 kHz also
(Wolfgang B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. Radio PMR. I don't think that I've seen this confirmed previously. I have now confirmed the Radio PMR schedule on 6240 of 1800-2400 Monday to Friday *does* mean *local time* (not UT time). The station comes on air on Sunday at 2200 UT (heard with transmitter on at 2200 on 21 November and into Russian programming). The station goes off air at 2200 on Friday (heard with transmitter off at 2200 on 26 November following its German programming). (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Confirms what I had hypothesized but not yet outchecked (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Re 10-47: ``The latest World of Radio from GLENN HAUSER reports that both 7.290 and 7.330Mhz Reception is Poor, at this hour in Europe - This would seem the only way to hear them, for most of the Evening Hours. The 1215 Medium Wave Transmitter, which they are reported to use to Europe, is based in the Near/Middle East according to WRTVH 2010 and is probably not effective, in most of the West European Area, due in part to UK Domestic Stations (Ken Fletcher, CH43, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)``

Okay, my location is 440 miles away from London-UK, but it`s unbelievable that the present 250 kW beasts from Moscow Taldom, or the 800/1200 kW mediumwave beasts from Kaliningrad and Wachenbrunn, Germany are unheard in GB and Ireland.

Most of the 250 Kilowatt Moscow Taldom and Armavir shortwave channels meant towards Germany and France are heard here with a S=9+20dB, --

but rather mostly S=9+40 ... +55 dB strength level, to twist the needle to end of scale on my Eton E1 Lextronix set. 73 wb

V Of Russia English to Western Europe.

GMT	kHz	location	kW	target
0600-0900	1323	Wachenbrunn Germany	1000	EUR {rather 800 kW, wb.}
0700-0900	11635	Moscow	250	EUR (DRM)
1500-1600	9675	Moscow	250	EUR (DRM)
1500-1600	5905	Moscow	250	EUR (DRM)
1600-1700	6130	Moscow	200	EUR
1800-2200	7330	Moscow	250	EUR
1900-2000	12060	Moscow	250	EUR
2200-2300	7300	Moscow	250	EUR

2000-2400 1215 Bolshakovo Kaliningrad 1200 EUR ``is based in the Near/Middle East`` ... - pure nonsense. {distance 900 miles to London. Kaliningrad enclave is close to Poland and Lithuania} (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SWITZERLAND!

** RUSSIA. 3 November 2010, 6195 kHz, Ulan-Ude

Local programme: Radio Buryatiya
01.57-02.00 - announcements;
02.59-03.00 - weather on republic;
03.10-04.00 - transfer;
04.59-05.00 - weather;
05.10-06.00 - transfer;
06.59-07.00 - weather;
07.52-08.00 - announcements;
08.59-09.00 - weather;
09.52-10.00 - announcements. (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia / ìopen_dxî, Rx : Aikom 8500, An. : 40 metrov, RusDX Nov 27 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 6075, R. Rossii, Pet/Kam, motorboating is building up again, but not yet atop the Russian modulation, Nov 25 at 1340 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Jamming: see U S S R

** SAAR. Re 10-46: Antenne Saar on 1179 kHz carries the DW Newslink programme in English at 1900-1930 and 2200-2230 UT according to http://www.sr-online.de/antennesaar --- might be possible to hear more widely after Swedish Radio closes is transmitter at Sˆlvesborg on 30 Oct (MW Report, Nov BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1539, DXLD) 10 kW (WRTH 2010)

GERMANY, re DW English via Saarland on MW 1179 kHz.
Dear Tony, schedule like
<http://www.sr-online.de/antennesaar/2154/> Mon-Fri only
<http://www.sr-online.de/antennesaar/2155/> Sat only - no DWL relay

<http://www.sr-online.de/antennesaar/2156/> Sun only - no DWL relay

shows times in CET Central European Time (GMT +1 hr).

17 and 20 GMT/UTC is right - so far in standard/winter time, but on Mon-Fri only, see websites Sat/Sun .... In summer season GMT means start at 1600 and 1900 GMT (Wolfgang B¸schel, to Tony Rogers-UK BrDXC-UK, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 20 via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

No, the 2154 page shows Newslink at 18 and 21 local = 17 and 20 UT now, 16 and 19 summer (gh, DXLD)

** SAINT HELENA [non]. Reception Reports to Rhein-Main-Radio-Club, Germany

Hello DX-friends everywhere, many radio friends listened to the special RMRC shortwave broadcasts which featured many audio clips in studio quality from the original Radio St. Helena Day 2009 broadcast and comments on the clips by Robert Kipp. The broadcasts were on 9. Oct. 2010 (9770 kHz to Europe and 6130 kHz to North America) and again on 23. Oct. 2010 (11640 kHz to Japan).

The RMRC is very happy to have received so many reception reports from listeners from Europe to Venezuela, from India to Russia, from New Zeeland to Japan, from Spain to Ukraine, from Italy to USA, and from Canada to Sweden. Thanks to all listeners everywhere !

We will broadcast on shortwave twice a year from our DX-Camps in the Spring and Autumn. The next DX-Camp will be in May, 2011, and we will inform DXers about this event in the next months.

As a service to SWLs everywhere, we have now made a special CD regarding these shortwave broadcasts. For the RMRC, this CD is essentially a non-profit activity in support of the Radio St. Helena Day Revival Project. This special CD will contain the full one-hour shortwave broadcast in best audio quality. Additionally, Robert Kipp will tell the fascinating story of this remarkable and complex project and has included several pictures representing various phases of the project. You may remember that Helena Walters read a poem for children during the shortwave broadcast, and now on the CD, you can hear a new recording of Jodie Walters reading one of her own poems about St. Helena, that she wrote this Summer.

The price of this CD is just 15 Euro. You can order the CD from our homepage or by sending an email to DrGabler @ t-online.de
The Rhein-Main-Radio-Club raffled off 12 copies of the famous QSL-Calendar for 2011 among all the persons who sent us reception reports, and here are the names of the winners:

Stig Elgborn,	Sweden
Sergej Rogov,	UK
Ciao Xi-en,	China
Nick Sharpe,	UK
Paul Watson,	USA
Gavin Hellyer,	Australia
John Durham,	New Zealand
Douglas K%hler,	Germany
Wladimir Sytnikow,	Ukraine
David Crystal,	Israel
Morita Masayuki,	Japan
Jouke van der Galien,	Netherlands

All the winners will receive their QSL-calendars by regular mail in the next few days. You can also find this information on our homepage. Simply go to http://www.rmrc.de and then click on "QSL-Kalender und CDs".

The QSL-calendar 2011 is the 6th edition to be published by the Rhein-Main-Radio-Club and ADDX Archiv as a non- profit activity to support shortwave listening. This full colour art print calendar offers real treasures from ADDX archiv, which contain QSL cards from the 1930's to the present. The QSL-calender is in English and costs 15 Euro (+ 6 Euro porto outside Europe).

If you would like to own a copy of the special CD or one of the 2011 QSL-calendars, simply send an email to DrGabler @ t-online.de or you can order directly from our Internet homepage. You can pay by bank account or paypal. Good DXing and best 73 from Germany,

(Harald Gabler, RMRC Chairman, Rhein-Main-Radio-Club, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, http://www.rmrc.de mail @ rmrc.de Dec 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. 15680, 24.11 1000, Radio Free Sarawak hˆrdes, efter flera fruktlˆsa fˆrsˆk, men inte s%rskilt bra. Den l%t som en ganska typisk clandestine med intervjuer och rapporter och sparsamt med musik. S 2-3, men fˆrsvann framÂt 1030. BEFF.

15680, 24.11 1000, Radio Free Sarawak was heard, after several unsuccessful attempts, but not very good. It sounded like a fairly typical clandestine with interviews and reports and sparse music. S 2-3, but disappeared at 1030 (Bjˆrn Fransson, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New 7590, 2255-2330* CLANDESTINE, 27.11, R Free Sarawak, via Yangiyul [TAJIKISTAN; see also UNID 4765], Bahasa Malaysia, interview about a

corruption scandal, local songs, 2328 ID: "Radio Free Sarawak", sign off with "Bye-Bye" 55544 (S 9+30 dB!) (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Log for R Free Sarawak: 27-11, 15680 at 1000 with just marginal signal; 7590, 2240 with good modulation for that night, talks by OM in seemingly Iban (could not understand anything), 24232

28-11, 15680, 1028 signal is marginal but something can very poorly be heard over the local noise (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15435, BSKSA, Nov 28 at 1505-1525, transmitter fails every few minutes for a few sex, interrupting Arabic talk, not Qur`an. Good signal during the on-periods (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [and non]. Heard unidentified station in undetermined East European language at 1345 November 25 on 9505, good signal with some fading. At 1402 recheck heard news bulletin in English, soon identified as International Radio Serbia. One item was on co-operation with Radio Damascus in conjunction with a visit from their ambassador. Expanded schedule (Mike Barraclough, Letchworth Garden City, England, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, signed on in Serbian at 1101. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Mike, could you tell us what was the signal strength? You received the first broadcast after reactivation of STUBLINE transmitter with 10 kW. That first day there were some dropouts, but that is fixed now...
73 (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here in Ukraine this frequency is blocked from 15 to 19 UT. It's a pity that IRS doesn't coordinate their frequencies on HFCC anymore (Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, ibid.)

9505 and 7200 kHz were fixed frequencies of R Yugoslavia more than 45 years duration to serve to YUG nationals as guest worker living in Western Europe, from the Fifties til the airstrike bombing raid of NATO bombers to Stubline in 1999.

The destroyed tx site is about 1 km south/southwest of the village, at 44 33 47.87 N 20 08 36.65 E

I guess the dipole ``Stubline [BEO] operate(d) on 1 simple dipole antenna, with azimuth of 310 degrees (2 towers and between 3 wires).``

now erected again at Stubline used only as fixed frequency, {?via a mobile TX station?}.

Aleksandr, there is no flexible variation on this hardware to hop across the 31 mb channels. Annual HFCC membership cost some hundred dollars a year, IRS can ill afford such IRS annual budget. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

INTERNATIOINAL RADIO SERBIA B10 UPDATED SCHEDULE [11/25/2010]

I've just had a short phone conversation with technical director of Intl R Serbia, and he told me that, effective 1100 UTC November 25, 2010 they REACTIVATED Stubline transmitting station near Belgrade with 10 kW of power and did some work on antenna at Stubline, which is a dipole with no reflector, so that antenna has 2 azimuths. Transmission for Australia via Bijeljina, Bosnia is CANCELLED. So, here is the

B10 INTERNATIONAL RADIO SERBIA
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updated schedule effective November 25, 2010

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0100-0130 6190 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      NCAm SERBIAN MON-SAT
0100-0200 6190 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      NCAm SERBIAN SUN
0130-0200 6190 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      NCAm ENGLISH MON-SAT
0200-0230 6190 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      NCAm SERBIAN WED
1100-1400 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   SERBIAN
1400-1430 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   ENGLISH
1430-1500 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   SERBIAN
1500-1530 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   SPANISH
1530-1600 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   ARABIC
1600-1630 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   RUSSIAN
1630-1700 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   FRENCH
1700-1730 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   GERMAN
1730-1745 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   MANDARIN
1745-1800 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   ALBANIAN
1800-1815 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   HUNGARIAN
1815-1830 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   GREEK
1830-1900 9505 BEO 010 kW/ 310&130 deg  Eu   ITALIAN
1900-1930 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu RUSSIAN
1930-2000 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu ENGLISH
2000-2030 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu SPANISH
2030-2100 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu SERBIAN SUN-FRI
2030-2130 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu SERBIAN SAT
2100-2130 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu GERMAN SUN-FRI
2130-2200 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu FRENCH
2200-2230 6100 BIJ 250 kW/ 310 deg      WeEu ENGLISH
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BIJ = Jabanuöa near Bijeljina, Bosnia [YABANUSHA, BEE-YEL-YINA]

BEO = Stubline near Belgrade, Serbia [STUBLINEH]
Best regards! (Dragan Lekic', Subotica, Serbia, Nov 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dragan, I have just tuned 9505 to hear Stubline sign on at 1100 UT on Nov. 27. I'm using an Icom R75 and random long wire, and the signal is a good one, peaking to S9 on the meter. However, there is continuous "fading" down to about S6, and occasionally as low as S3. Maybe this has as much to do with propagation conditions today as it does with the antenna set up at Stubline. I don't hear any interference - 9510 appears to be clear, but there is something on 9500, but currently too weak to ID. Audio quality is good, and I'm enjoying the music (Noel R. Green (NW England), ibid.)

Thank you, Noel! I will forward your and other reports directly to Predrag Graovac, technical director of Intl R Serbia. 73s! (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, ibid.)

Hello Noel, part of the fading audio may be due to varying frequency (about 5 Hz), see attached screenshot. Also slight hum due to ±50 Hz spurs. The weaker, stable carrier belongs to V of Strait and the one 20 Hz below probably to R. Record. 9500 kHz has CVC and CNR1. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

``Audio quality is good, and I'm enjoying the music.``

I have to note that a high-pass of 150...200 Hz is in the audio chain. Thus the bass range is completely missing and music reproduction really not satisfying.

And for portable indoor reception here in Germany the signal level is just a bit too low, resulting in just a bit too much noise which also mostly covers the mentioned 50 Hz hum here.

Btw, the programming from 1100 to 1400 is presumably again a relay of Beograd 1, which was until 1999 transmitted on 7200 kHz. Later such early-afternoon relays had been done with the Bijeljina transmitter until its use had been substantially cut back (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

Dear Kai, you are not in right. Int`l R Serbia cancelled Radio Beograd 1 airings about 5 years ago. All programs are exclusively produced for diaspora. 1100-1400 UT program block in Serbian has various shows, which are different throughout a week. Wolfy heard a "TOURISM & ECOLOGY" program, which airs on Saturdays from 1100 till 1200 UT and on Thursdays 1200-1300z. 73 (Dragan Lekic, ibid.) Viz.:

9505, For the first time since NATO airstrike bombing in 1999 the

usual VOICE from Belgrade, heard previously half century from Stubline 1955-1999, heard again today here in Stuttgart, Germany on a reliable level. 10 kW unit at 1115 UT, Nov 27, S=6 on deep fades, up to S=9+10dB, to average S=8 signal level. Serbian music til 1120 UT, at 1121 UT annmt by female in Serbian. 1122 UT touristic fair? report, Novi Sad mentioned. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. 11985, Dec 30 at 2154 a signal I have not noticed before, West African string music (hereafter Bulge of Africa (BOA) music), 2155 announcement not in Arabic.

I consult the ever-more-stale final volume of PWBR `2009` I still keep by the radio, and find a possibility, FEBA UK via various locations, Thu and Fri to WAf at 2145-2215, 250 kW, Winter.

Retuned at 2159, it`s switched to French, ``tous les vendredis, ‡ 21h45, en 11985``. Name of service starts with Akhbar, and address is an Apartado in M·laga, Espagne. 2200 into Arabic, ``Huna al-Akhbar --- `` something, a bit of French again, I think, and into yet another language. Signal is poor and fading, and CODAR has just started swishing across it at 2200. Re-retune just in time to hear carrier go off at 2215:02*.

Despite announcement that it`s Friday, this is really mardi = Tuesday! We go to current references for the answer.

HFCC shows:
11985 2145 2215 46S ASC 250 27 2356 311010 270311 D 10700 Pulaar G FEB VTC

Aoki shows:
11985 FEBA RADIO 2145-2200 .23.56. Hassinya 250 27 Ascension
11985 FEBA RADIO 2200-2215 .23.56. Pulaar   250 27 Ascension ASC 01423W 0754S FEBA b10 VT --- So they agree this transmission is really Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri.

EiBi shows:
11985 2145-2215 1245 G FEBA Radio PU WAf /ASC
HFCC and EiBi have it supposedly only in Pulaar, but the first language I heard fits for the Western Sahara dialect a.k.a. Hassania; EiBi`s day-of week numbers are inconveniently one-off from Aoki and HFCC, 1=Monday, but equivalent to the others.

About Pulaar, says Wikipedia:

``Pulaar is a Fula language spoken primarily as a first language by Fula people and Tukolor (or Toorobe) in the Senegal River valley area traditionally known as Futa Tooro, and further south and east. Pulaar

speakers, known as Haalpulaar'en live in Senegal, Mauritania, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau and western Mali.

According to Ethnologue there are several dialect differences, but all are inherently intelligible.

Pulaar is not to be confused with Pular, another variety of Fula spoken in Guinea-Conakry (including the Fouta Jallon region). The Pulaar and Pular varieties of Fula are to some extent mutually intelligible, but require a separate literature.

Pulaar is written in a modified Latin alphabet but historically was written in an Arabic script known as ajami (see Fula orthographies). [edit] Linguistic features``

World Almanac 2002 says Morocco was 98.7% Moslem, no separate figure for Western Sahara, but likely no less so. The Christian evangelists have a long way to go.

This may be the same ministry as on the `HCJB` `Arabic` service at 2100-2145 daily on 12025, in B-seasons via Sackville, which also gives an address in M·laga (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. 9540, surprised to find RSI here with ID in English, Nov 29 at 1357, but followed by same in French, Spanish, Russian, German, Slovak, over drumming and other instruments; then short versions of same IDs, before 1400 opening in Russian. Fair with no QRM. I tune around here just about every morning, and first time I`ve heard this. 9540 is in use only at +1400-1430, 150 kW, 65 degrees from Rimavsk· Sobota.

BTW, per Roger Tidy`s monitoring, on the Sunday mailbag in English, RSI confirms they will quit shortwave at yearend and we should be grateful they will continue on the Internet rather than being abolished altogether; don`t blame the station`s personnel but the European economic situation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RSI EXPLAINS DECISION TO LEAVE SHORTWAVE

Radio Slovakia International's English service, in its Sunday letters programme (November 28), explained why the station is leaving shortwave on January 1 next year.

After quoting an email from a Slovak-American living in Naples, Florida, who said losing RSI would be like losing an old friend, the presenter told listeners that 'We have received quite a lot of emails lately somehow angry. But reacting with anger and sending this email

(sic) to us is not fair for the team, because you have to bear in mind that it was a struggle even for us, and it's a struggle even to survive." She added:

"Cutting the shortwave was a compromise solution. It is very expensive. Governments all round the world are cutting costs, especially governments who are in the euro zone. You know what happens in Ireland now, what happens in Greece. So the choice we had was no RSI at all or RSI without shortwave, and now maybe, dear listeners, it's the right time for you to show support and encouragement ... The offer is there, it's on the internet, and if you send in emails it means you have access to the internet."

Elsewhere in the programme it was reported that shortwave constitutes sixty per cent of RSI's costs. The programme also included an interview with a media academic who, among other things, spoke about the future of external broadcasting (Roger Tidy, London, UK, Nov 29, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RIP Slovakia??? While there is nothing on the RSI website announcing this, RSI has shut down SW before and this, unfortunately, could be it (Mark the Dark Coady, NASWA yg via DXLD)

If you didn't catch this on shortwave (!) you could listen to the info on demand online, I suppose...(note the irony)...the program is archived back to November 20th and sporadically before then (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Nov 29, ibid.)

The key line here is: "The offer is there, it's on the internet, and if you send in emails it means you have access to the internet."

Bingo. There are a lot of people who are still listening to shortwave out of habit, even though there are viable alternatives easily available. I admit I do that myself a bit, as it is quicker to turn on the radio than it is to boot up the computer.

For a lot of international broadcasters, there is a specific (and often very small) target audience that is interested in the narrow scope of what that broadcaster has to offer. Does a country like Slovakia need an international shortwave service to tell the world about itself? Or could its message be better conveyed via a website, with text, graphics, and podcasts available at any time that tells those interested in that country what they want to know?

Shortwave can still have a limited role for broadcasters operating a broad-based worldwide service of news, information and entertainment, such as BBCWS, DW, NHK, and CRI. But small broadcasters, such as those eastern European countries who feature purely domestic news and

information could do better with an easily accessible website as opposed to shortwave.

Yes, you can argue that not everyone has the internet. But how many people without internet are going to be interested in what's happening in Slovakia? And is there a sufficient number of such people to make a shortwave service worth the cost in an era of money strapped governments and huge deficits? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SLOVAK PUBLIC RADIO, TV TO MERGE NEXT YEAR | Text of report by Czech national public-service news agency CTK

Bratislava, 30 Nov (CTK) - Public Slovak Television (STV) and Slovak Radio (SRo) will merge as of next year under a new bill that the parliament passed today. The bill is yet to be signed by President Ivan Gasparovic into law.

Culture Minister Daniel Krajcer (Freedom and Solidarity, SaS) wanted to establish the new institution as soon as possible in order to save money. The debts of the Slovak Television, including court disputes, will exceed 27 million euros in January.

Krajcer said 1.65 million euros will be saved in 2011 thanks to the new merger. But most of this sum, 1.1 million euros, will be saved because the radio will not broadcast on short waves anymore.

The opposition criticised Krajcer's plan as a hasty decision. "A mechanical merger will not bring any savings," said former culture minister Marek Madaric (Smer-Social Democracy).

Madaric said the government of Iveta Radicova (Slovak Democratic and Christian Union, SDKU-DS) only wants to gain political control over the public media.

Under the new bill, the director of the television and radio will not be chosen by a council supervising the media but by the parliament. Krajcer dismissed the view that the main aim of the changes was to unseat criticised STV director Stefan Niznansky.

However, Niznansky will probably lose his post as parliament chairman Richard Sulik (SaS) will select a temporary head of the public television and radio in January from the present directors of public media. Niznansky's powers may therefore be handed to the current SRo head Miloslava Zemkova.

While Niznansky was chosen by the former government of Robert Fico (Smer-SD), Zemkova was appointed in 2006 under the government of

Mikulas Dzurinda (SDKU-DS).

In 2003, Dzurinda's government pushed through that the directors of the public radio and public TV will be selected by supervising councils in order to prevent political influence on the media. Krajcer's bill returns to the original system where the parliament decided on the director.

Unlike in the past, the vote on the director will not be secret. A new council, whose nine members will again be selected by parliament, will replace the councils and commissions that control the public media now. Source: CTK news agency, Prague, in English 1744 gmt 30 Nov 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

Eslovaquia: Aprobada la fusiÛn de la TelevisiÛn y la Radio eslovacas
Fuente: TASR (La Radio de Eslovaquia) 01. 12. 2010, 15:43:12

La Radio y TelevisiÛn de Eslovaquia (RTS) deberÌa empezar a funcionar a partir del 1 de enero de 2011. La norma legislativa referida a la fusiÛn de las dos instituciones y a la respectiva reforma de las instituciones p˙blicas fue aprobada ayer en el Parlamento. Su validez a˙n deberÌa de ser confirmada con la firma del jefe de Estado Ivan Gaöparovic. El obejtivo de la reforma es la aboliciÛn del actual modelo de financiaciÛn de los medios de difusiÛn p˙blicos y a partir del 2012 tambiÈn de los pagos concesionarios. Fuente: Radio Slovakia International http://bit.ly/gphnOG (via Yimber Gaviria, DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.9, SIBC Honiara, Nov 15 0815 - Male announcer with sports report in English at tune-in; brief music and into phone interview in English and Pidgin. Noted a few mentions of Solomon Islands. Good signal but low modulation made copy difficult (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. Re 10-46: unID Somali station via VTC

15700 kHz 0400-0659* on Nov.14.
According to HFCC B10 on Nov. 10 version:
15700 0400 0500 48 DHA 250 225 -15 146 1234567 311010 270311 D 12000 Somali USA VTC VTC 18128
15700 0500 0700 48 DHA 250 205 0 218 1234567 311010 270311 D 20000 Somali USA VTC VTC 18129
de Hiroshi & Hiro (S. Hasegawa, Nov 14, via Gupta, DXLD)

Hi Sei-ichi, Were you able to track down this station? 15700 is blasting here 0400 onwards 59 + 20 db. Regards (Alokesh Gupta, India, Nov 23, via DXLD)

Dear Alokesh, I monitor it every day at 0400 UT on 15700 kHz. However, I can't yet copy ID. Sound like ID is "Halkani wa Idha'at Damal, codka ... Somaliya" and "Radio Damal, codka..." (S. Hasegawa, Nov 24, via Alokesh Gupta, ibid.)

Hi Seichi, I also got an ID sounding like Radio Damal osca burshuda somalia. Is this related to Radio Dalmar http://www.dalmar.org/ ? Regards (Alokesh, Nov 24, ibid.)

Hi Mauno, Any clues on this? Regards (Alokesh Gupta, Nov 24, to Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

Hi Alokesh, not more than this, but doesn't really look like being this Dalmar. Probably they don't have web site yet. 73, (Mauno, Nov 24, ibid.)

Re 10-47: UAE/U.K. UNID / DAM* in Somali via BABCOCK
    0400-0500 on 15700 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAF
    0500-0700 on 15700 DHA 250 kW / 205 deg to EaAF
    1830-1930 on 11740 WOF 300 kW / 122 deg to EaAF
    1930-2130 on 11970 DHA 250 kW / 205 deg to EaAF
*DAM=Damman from Arabic=Security. {"Radio Damal" wb.} (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 22 via WORLD OF RADIO 1540, DXLD)

Probably related to this: http://www.damalnews.com/English.asp
Also found them on facebook [mostly in Somali]
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Damal-News-Network-DNN/114088165268776?v=wall

Regds (Alokesh Gupta, India, Nov 27, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And he also rounded up the thread above

** SOMALIA [non]. New 9960, *1556-1700*, CLANDESTINE, 26.11, R Bar-Kulan, via Meyerton, South Africa, Somali ID, Call to Prayer, talks and reports, ID, Horn of Africa music 55444. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Brother Stair observations Dec 1: 9460, still here but poor with flutter at 1453, much weaker than // 15495, trying to scair us about an EMP attack on the US. These are synchronized but running about 9 sex ahead of WWRB 9385. At 1455 also find poor BS on 13810, but 15495 has cut off before 1456. 9460 listed as Wertachtal, 13810 as Nauen, and 15495 uncertain which, but probably the former as has best signal here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Spain screws up again -- This time it's a screw up with programming rather than frequency. 5970, REE at 0015 with Spanish

programming of a woman interviewing a musician and playing some of her pieces then a man with talk and into banjo music - Very Good Nov 25 (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, NASWA yg via DXLD) Instead of English; however, English programs include Spanish segments but with voice-over translation (gh)

** SPAIN [and non]. 17595, REE`s quadrilingual quarter-hour, weekdays at 1530-1545, monitored again Thursday Nov 25: 1530 after standard news sounder, starting in Portuguese with nasal YL accented more Brasilian than Iberian; 1533:42 into French; 1537:02 English by Justin Coe who did not give his name today: items about prince visiting Per`; status of Gibraltar should be like Andorra; S vs N Korea; Ireland`s economic problems, Eurozone, Portugal next? 1540:32 Arabic; 1544:42 outro in Spanish; 1545 habla la profesora de lenguas. Once again no Russian in the mix. There are brief bits of music between the langs, and the times I give are when the talking starts. Portuguese introduced French, but French did not introduce English; English introduced Arabic.

M-F 1537-1540 should be added to all comprehensive schedules of broadcasts in English, on 17595 plus all the other REE frequencies in use at this hour. EiBi has it, but not yet Aoki or primetimeshortwave or TAFIE from WDXC.

5965 via COSTA RICA, REE`s Amigos de la Onda Corta, Saturday Nov 27 at 0614 with propagation predictions for different bands and areas from a regular contributor. Meanwhile, propagation was quite degraded with little above 10 MHz and no REE direct parallels audible, while 5965 had the usual CCI from Vatican making a SAH, and the CR audio also a bit muffled.

5970, listened to most of REE`s English hour to North America, UT Sunday Nov 28 from 0005, since I was enjoying the excellent reception and the music, initially flamenco in a feature about a singer called Terremoto (Earthquake); at 0018 switched to Tierra Santa, a hard rock band, interspersing music with interviews voiced-over into English.

About time I also listened to Radio Waves again to see how the `DX` program is doing, which for a long time was just featuring a piece of music somehow related to radio. But it never showed up. Has anyone heard it at any time recently? If so, when and with what? Or is it gone forever? I may have to remove it from DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS, http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

I see that the WWDXC B-10 DX program list has it as Radio Corner at :15 into the hours: http://www.wwdxc.de/swl.pdf

The BDXC-UK B-10 DX and Media Programme Guide at

http://homepage.ntlworld.com/bdxcuk/dxprog.htm
also has it at :15v past, but still titled Radio Waves.

Next feature at 0040:40 was Historical Footnotes, talk about ferias, market days once or twice a year, and the economix of the era, with nice medieval music. 0050:40 to a modern song; 0055:40 closing English broadcast announcing correct frequency 5970, off abruptly at 0056:45*, and a few sex later when I had retuned to 6055, REE was already up there with IS. Note REE doesn`t bother with any news on weekends, so pray nothing happen until Monday (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also COSTA RICA

** SRI LANKA. Jose, SLBC is conducting tests on 1125 kHz 1530-1630 from today. Just 20 kW and music. Appreciate any reports you can get especially from the South. You can e-mail reports to Mr. V Kuganesan <kuganesan@yahoo.com>. Thanks (G. Victor A. Goonetilleke 4S7VK, "Shangri-la"' 298 Madapatha Road, Piliyandala. Sri Lanka, Dec 1 to Jose Jacob, dx_sasia yg via DXLD) (Via Jose Jacob, dx_india list via Alokesh dx_sasia via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA [non]. 13860, V. of Tamils two-day special presumed, JBA carrier at 1612 Nov 26, site unknown. WRN had informed us of this: VOICE OF TAMILS SPECIAL --- Glenn, As last year there will be Tamil convention specials on November 26 and 27th.
1030-1400 on 17880
1400-1500 on 6230
1500-1630 on 13860
It will be a relay of a European Tamil TV stationís audio from the Hot Bird Satellite http://www.tamilarkuralradio.com/

Others have reported hearing the remaining frequencies; try again Saturday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nov 26, 17880 on already at tune-in 1020 UT. Good strength. Check at 1411 on 6230, good signal here (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now (Nov 27, 1230/1300) here in Germany poor, all I can make out is music and later speech with very pronounced popping, apparently a public address.

Has really nobody asked so far who's behind this Voice of Tamils / Tamilar Kural Radio? The only source about this radio station (which it apparently is, no TV outlet) I found:
http://mediaworldasia.dk/backup/index.php?
option=com_content&view=article&id=575:voice-of-tamils-radio-now-on-eutelsat-hotbird&catid=34:articles&Itemid=167

Interestingly the similar specials in last year, which had been attributed to IBC Tamil, already originated from this venture: http://dxersguide.blogspot.com/2009/11/voice-of-tigers-pulikalin-kural-ibc.html

This could be the case for 6045 kHz from Media Broadcast transmitters as well from its reactivation, as mentioned at http://dxersguide.blogspot.com/2009/11/ibc-tamil-resumed-shortwave-today.html

IBC Tamil for its part now seems to concentrate on the immigrant community in London, considering http://dxersguide.blogspot.com/2010/06/ibc-tamil-to-launch-on-london-dab.html

Before that they had some slots on Spectrum Radio 558 kHz (Mark these three pages with the mouse to reveal the text for reading.)

This also means that the controversy about the program content concerns not IBC Tamil but Tamilar Kural Radio instead, unless Tamilar Kural is just a veiled branch of IBC Tamil (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Target is South Asia? Here are the former terrorist supporter phone numbers on the website <http://www.tamilarkuralradio.com/>
0044 2032391890 GB
0041 445867917 Switzerland
0033 977198217 France
(Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX via DXLD)

I got this information from Jayashakthi and he stated that this was Puligalin Kural - Voice of the Tiger. The special significance of 26th/27th is that Pelupillai Prabhakaran's (the dead leader of LTTE) birthday falls on this date. I will check it if I am at home. I understand signals were copied on 6230. Regards (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 0600 UT Nov 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17880, Voice of Tamils. Fair here with talks over subcontinental music, special broadcast for a Tamil convention, evidently. Site unknown, 1146, 27/11 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Racal RA-6790GM, Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, Folded Dipole), Dec Australian DX News via DXLD) Was 26 and 27 Nov only (gh, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. USA [GERMANY/SAO TOME/SRI LANKA/VATICAN STATE] "VoA Darfur"? Bitte um Hilfe! Laeuft technisch unter Radio Sawa, "SUDAN" program.

Hallo Nils, Ist schon schwierig in den vielen kleinen Unter-Abteilungen der US IBB durchzuschauen. Das zieht sich ja auch ueber zig Seiten des WRTH hin.

Frueher gab es VOA, RFE, und RL ... das war's dann. Dann kamen die vielen Ableger wie R Marti und RFA etc. etc. etc. dazu.

Ich nehme an, das arabische Dafur Programm gehoert nicht zu VOA, dort auf der Website gibt es kein Arabisch Programm. Das wurde aus-gesourct? Nach <http://www.radiosawa.com/>

<http://www.radiosawa.com/english.aspx>

Radio Sawa in Arabic on various FM stations in the Muslim World, and also via MW 990 kHz at Cyprus relay.

Sawa's Arabic special service called "Afia Darfur Sudanese"

0300-0330	5885SMG	7275SAO	9845IRA
1800-1830	9380IRA	9805WER	11615SMG
1900-1930	9780SMG	9805SAO	9815WER

Die Nutzung der Sendeanlage beim Vatikanstaat gibt dem Ganzen eines pikante Note.

<http://africa.ibbmonitor.com/rms_data/Scripts/2010_11_24/CAIR/RMS_SCRIPT_CAIR_101124_233301.TXT>
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 24)

Das sind sie dann aber fast schon alle. Dazu kommt dann nur noch Middle East Broadcasting Networks mit den Produkten Alhurra, Radio Sawa und eben auch Afia Darfur. Ebenso ist z.B. auch Radio Farda kein separater Laden, sondern ein Programm von RFE/RL.

Diese fuenf Buden (Voice of America in einem auch von anderen Regierungsbehoerden genutzten Gebaeude in Washington, Radio Free Asia ein paar Strassen weiter, MBN draussen im Industriegebiet Springfield bei Boeing, Radio/TV Marti in Miami und RFE/RL in Prag) reichen natuerlich aus, um von reinem Wahnsinn zu sprechen. Aber das Politgeschacher ist eben wichtiger als effiziente Programmarbeit. Dazu kommen dann noch die ganzen Neocon-Pappnasen, die immer wieder danach rufen, doch endlich so richtig schoen Propaganda zu machen ...

Ich nehme an, das arabische Dafur Programm gehoert nicht zu VOA, dort auf der Website gibt es kein Arabisch Programm. Das wurde aus-gesourct? Es war eher eine erzwungene Einstellung des arabischen VOA-Programms, nachdem MBN neu aufgemacht wurde.

Nicht ausgebootet werden konnte die VOA dann allerdings im Falle von Persisch. Deren VOA PNN schlaegt bei der Zuschauerakzeptanz sogar die BBC (Wohlgemerkt: Die Rede ist jetzt von der Glotze.)

<http://www.radiosawa.com/english.aspx>

Und auch <http://www.bbg.gov/broadcasters/sawa-alhurra/>

Wie gesagt: Afia Darfur ist MBN, aber nicht Radio Sawa, das ist dann
ein anderes MBN-Produkt.

Der kritische Blick von aussen:
<http://www.propublica.org/article/critics-say-u.s.-radio-program-for-darfur-goes-soft-on-sudan-090202>

Die Nutzung der Sendeanlage beim Vatikan gibt dem Ganzen eines pikante
Note.

Zumal Radio Vatikan das gegen Cash zu senden scheint, oder gibt es
irgendwo Uebertragungen von deren Programmen ueber IBB-Sender?
(Kai Ludwig-D, A-DX Nov 25)

Das scheint die Homepage zu sein:
<http://www.afiadarfur.com>

Ich habe mir mal die Whois-Daten fuer die Domain angeschaut (ist fuer
administrativen und technischen Kontakt identisch):

Nguyen, Minh <mnguyen @ radiosawa.com>
MBN
7600 Boston Blvd
Suite D
Springfield, Virginia 22153
United States
(703) 688-5010

Das wuerde nahe legen, dass es sich um einen Ableger von Radio Sawa
handelt. In der Liste der zum BBG gehoerenden Stationen wird Afia
Darfur jedenfalls nicht gesondert ausgewiesen:
<http://www.bbg.gov/broadcasters>
(Wolfgang Thiele-D, A-DX Nov 25) (all: BCDX via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 15710, 21/Nov 1504, ESLOVAQUIA, R Miraya FM, em ·rabe.
OMs falam no est˙dio, talvez uma entrevista. ConfirmaÁ„o via link
http://www.mirayafm.org/Listen6.html Sinal degradando, 24332. Melhora
do sinal as 1520, entrevista continua atÈ esse hor·rio (Jorge Freitas,
Feira de Santana Bahia 12 14¥S 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All
listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 19
meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006
ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. 765 KHz Sottens Option Musique --- Salve a tutti, Il
sito ufficiale di Option Musique Sottens indica la mezzanotte del 5

dicembre come data di disattivazione della frequenza dei 765 KHz, non il 3 dicembre come da me riferito in un precedente messaggio, basato sul sito dell'Ufficio federale delle comunicazioni. Beh comunque meglio monitorare lo stesso dal 3 dicembre, non si sa mai.

Bella l'iniziativa di Option Musique, che il 4 e il 5 dicembre organizza due giornate porte aperte e offre uno scambio gratuito della propria radio OM con una radio DAB. Le radio OM ricevute verranno inviate a Radio Bonne Musique, radio libera del Cameroun, che le distribuir‡ agli ascoltatori. Per maggiori informazioni:
http://www.rsr.ch/#/corporate/communiques/2602972-option-musique-de-l-emetteur-de-sottens-a-la-radio-numerique.html
Saluti (Andrea Stumpf, Switzerland, Nov 26, http://www.hb9gce.ch bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Hi to all, Please listen to the 4 last hours of transmission of Option Musique, Switzerland, on 765 KHz from 19 to 23 UT Sunday 5th December 2010, with a special emission dedicated to this station in French language. At 23 UT the TX in Sottens will definitively leave the medium waves. Option Musique will continue its transmissions on DAB.
73's Andrea http://www.hb9gce.ch (Carl Andrea Stumpf, Switzerland, Dec 1, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

VOICE OF RUSSIA INTERESTED IN SWISS MW OUTLET

Voice of Russia signalled its interest in using a mediumwave frequency in Switzerland. They're the only interested broadcaster at all.
http://www.kleinreport.ch/news/voice-of-russia-hat-interesse-an-schweizer-mittelwellenfrequenz-62434.html

(Ignore the remarks about DAB in Berlin; this poor relay of the 693 kHz feed, plagued by pronounced cascading problems, i.e. bad artifacts, has been taken off already some time ago.)

No further details given. Most obvious candidate would be the 765 kHz transmitter in Sottens which SRG/SSR will leave this Sunday (Dec 5) at 2259 UT. There should be no obstacles, others than in the field of broadcasting regulation, to firing it up again with another program input.

558 kHz could be possible, too, I think it was not too long ago that this transmitter showed signs of live and was on air with a test tone. Berom¸nster could be difficult due to all the EMV hassle and hysteria there, although it was kind of a welcomed excuse for cancelling 531 kHz.

While looking up the matter I found this collection of pictures and recordings from Swiss broadcasting history, featuring also the

Schwarzenburg, Berom¸nster and Sottens shortwave facilities:
http://www.sarganserland-walensee.ch/radio_tv_historisch/index.htm
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWITZERLAND [and non]. RADIO GLORIA SWITZERLAND TO REACTIVATE 1566 KHZ

Peter Galliker of Radio Gloria http://www.radiogloria.ch just informed me that they plan to broadcast on 1566 kHz AM from Switzerland for a couple of days, starting around mid-December.

This will be low power tests (around 250 Watts), also for checking the field strength for future activities. Currently they are waiting for the final decision from BAKOM, the Swiss frequency authority. More info soon.

Another project of Radio Gloria is to reactivate 6085 kHz AM from Germany (QTH Kall-Krekel, www.classicbroadcas t.de): broadcasts will be heard from 0800 to 1400 UTC on November 28, December 5, 12, 19 and daily from December 24, 2010, till January 2, 2011. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Nov 17 MWC yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. FRANCE/TAIWAN, Winter B-10 of Radio Taiwan International via TDF:
1400-1458 on 15225 ISS 500 kW / 060 deg to RUSS in Russian
1600-1658 on 12055 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to SEAs in English
1700-1758 on 6120 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to RUSS in Russian till Feb.26
1700-1758 on 9840 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to RUSS in Russian from Feb.27
1700-1758 on 11850 ISS 500 kW / 160 deg to SoAf in English till Feb.26
1700-1758 on 15690 ISS 500 kW / 160 deg to SoAf in English from Feb.27
1800-1858 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 345 deg to U.K. in English
1900-1958 on 9365 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to NoAf in French till Feb.26
1900-1958 on 11875 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to NoAf in French from Feb.27
2000-2058 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 215 deg to SoEu in Spanish
2100-2158 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu in German
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Dec 1 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 9720, Radio Thailand, 1247-1259*, Nov 25, tune-in to English news. Several ads including an ad for Crystal Design Center. Financial news. Fair to good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

[and non]. 9725, Nov 29 at 1403, HSK9 with news in English by YL about Burma, Cambodia. She speaks slowly and clearly but still hard to follow due to heavy flutter (unlike AIR GOS on hummy 9690 which is much closer to trans-polar from here). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 4905 CHINA Xizang RGD, Nov 15 1527 - Male announcer in Chinese, and orchestral music. Parallel to 4920, but different program than 4820. Into English lessons at 1530. Very good signal (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. New 9435.00, 1240-1310, TJK, 28.11, R Free Asia, via Yangiyul, Tibetan. New frequency ex 11540, Tibetan talks and local music. At 1300 ID in English: "This is Radio Free Asia. The following programme is in Tibetan." 44444 Splashes from 9430 (FEBC ?) (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde Denmark, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Yangiyul: see UNIDENTIFIED 4765

** TURKEY [and non]. 11815, TRT atop the CCI with SAH of ~6 Hz, Nov 30 at 1508-1516 with vocal music, sad-sounding song, as Sheref says is typically Turkish, long talk segments before and after. 320 degrees from «akirlar to Europe, but also USward. Since it`s after 1500, the other station is Japan, not Costa Rica (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. Re: BVB Winter Schedule ``NEW!!! Dunamis Shortwave 4.750 mhz  ñ 60 meter band 6:00 ñ 10:00 p.m. local Uganda time! 1500 ñ 1900 UTC Broadcasting from Mukono, Uganda``

Has anyone managed to receive this transmission? (Sergei S., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, if you search this group on Dunamis you get more than 30 hits, including a recent log in #49177 by David Sharp, NSW. BVB has been calling this NEW!!! for several years now (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) AND:

Dunamis Broadcasting heard on 4750 November 18, first noted tentatively 1801. At 1845 recheck heard a talk in vernacular including a Dunamis identification. Brief song at 1900 and the station closed at 1903 without a further announcement. SINPO 23322 (Arthur Miller, UK, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** U S S R. This day in history - Tuesday, November 30, 2010 8:42 AM

1988 - The Russians stopped jamming Radio Liberty on this day. The American-financed Soviet radio station, with an audience of 16 million, was opened to the public. The Russians had been jamming foreign radio broadcasts since the early 1950s after declaring them tools of subversion. http://www.abadss.com/forum/
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

An American-financed Soviet station? That's an interesting way to describe it :)

November 30, 1988 was the complete end of radio jamming in the USSR. Before that it still applied to three stations: RL/RFE, DW and Kol Israel. Earlier, in 1986-1987 the USSR stopped jamming BBC, VoA, R.Beijing, KBS and R.Tirana. Other stations weren't jammed. That meant huge listening audiences for the Russian services of RCI, R.Sweden and RFI. Somehow, this fact never mentioned these days (Sergei S., ibid.)

** U K [non]. 9915, Nov 29 at 1410, BBCWS with documentary on mistreatment of Indonesian women going to work in UAE, Iraq, Jordan. One who finally made it back home is leading a campaign to warn others not to accept such human-trafficking jobs. This frequency fair but with `generator hum`, so is it Ascension like at 21-23? No, during this hour only it`s CYPRUS, 250 kW at 64 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. WORLD SERVICE TO GET FUNDING BOOST IN 2014
   Broadcast, 25 November 2010, By Catherine Neilan
http://www.broadcastnow.co.uk/news/finance/world-service-to-get-funding-boost-in-2014/5020965.article?referrer=RSS

The World Service could get a funding boost when it is rolled into the BBC's remit in 2014, Mark Thompson has announced.

This is the first sign of light at the end of the tunnel for the service since it was revealed that it was facing real term cuts of 16% to its budget as part of the licence fee settlement.

Speaking at yesterday's Voice of the Listener & Viewer (VLV) conference, the corporation's director general said bringing funding for the division internally had been discussed "for some time because we believed it might offer the World Service greater financial security than it has previously enjoyed". It is currently funded by the Foreign Office.

Thompson echoed earlier comments made by the director of Global News Peter Horrocks in acknowledging there would be "a significant reduction in services as well as job losses" over the next three years. "There is no getting away from this fact," he added.

But Thompson pledged - subject to BBC Trust approval - to increase investment in the World Service "and hold it at a higher level until the end of the Charter period" in 2016.

The integration of management and locations could also strengthen the service, and BBC News, he added.

Thompson also addressed the government's suggestion that the BBC should pay for free licences for over 75s. As well as the expense - an estimated further £200m on top of what was finally agreed - he insisted this would have "damaged the BBC's independence". As a result, the six year period in which the government cannot "interfere"

He also revealed other recommendations put forward by the government, including that the BBC broadcast material commissioned and generated by the Central Office of Information - "in other words, government advertising".

"This too would be a fundamental and wholly unacceptable attack on the BBC and one we'd fight tooth and nail," said Thompson. "The BBC is an independent public broadcaster - not a state broadcaster or an arm of Government. That is why the British public trust it so much.

"The BBC and the BBC Trust have strenuously resisted all of these proposals and, so far at least, none of them have came to pass. Yet the threats are real." (via Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DXLD) OTOH!:

** U K. HAS BBC WORLD SERVICE BECOME A SACRIFICIAL VICTIM?
   The Guardian, By James Robinson, November 29, 2010

Budget cuts will have a devastating effect on the World Service, which will be forced to close down services. What does this mean for some of the BBC's most dedicated journalists? Full article here:
http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/nov/29/bbc-world-service-budget-cuts
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

The article doesn't go into shortwave, but I would think BBCWS is aware of what the Germans are going to do with DW, and something similar will happen with the BBC on SW. I would guess, however, that BBCWS will keep some carefully targeted SW to various parts of Asia, which doesn't appear to be part of the DW plan (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Famous humorist writes: "Voice of America is primarily about America."

World Affairs, November/December 2010, P.J. O'Rourke: "At dinner in Prague with Radio Free Europe/Radio Libertyís president, Jeff Gedmin, and half a dozen RFE/RL staffers, Gedmin said, to no one in particular, 'Do you think at any time in the future history will look back and say, "I wish they hadnít broadcast so much information"?' ...

The concept of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is 'surrogate broadcasting' ó doing the job that independent media would do if there

were any or enough of it in the places RFE/RL serves. Jeff Gedmin calls it 'holding up a mirror.' ... Like its sister organization Voice of America, RFE/RL is funded by the U.S. government.

But Voice of America is primarily about America. RFE/RL is primarily about Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, the Balkans, the North Caucasus region, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan ...

Vaclav Havel, the first president of free Czechoslovakia, said, 'I learned about America from VOA and learned about my own country from Radio Free Europe.'" (kimandrewelliott.com 30 Nov via DXLD)

RFE/RL is a "surrogate broadcaster," providing the accurate information about its target countries that the media of those countries would provide if those countries were free.

Kimandrewelliott.com is a surrogate website, providing the accurate information about US international broadcasting that senior executives of US international broadcasting would provide if they provided accurate information about US international broadcasting.

First to Vaclav Havel. He is the hero of the Velvet Revolution, but he is also a bureaucrat. And only a bureaucrat could think it is a good thing to have to tune to two radio stations to learn about both Czechoslovakia and the United States.

Now to P.J. O'Rourke: One would think that the a journal with the important title World Affairs would require its authors to do a bit of fact checking. If Mr. O'Rourke had listened to VOA, or read its website, maybe he wouldn't have written "Voice of America is primarily about America." Apparently, instead, what he knows about VOA he learned from RFE/RL president Jeffrey Gedmin and half a dozen RFE/RL staffers at dinner in Prague.

Why did Mr. O'Rourke place this essay in World Affairs? The US government is in a deep deficit and is looking for ways to cut spending. Accordingly, the new members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors are exploring ways to increase efficiencies. There is a danger that US international broadcasting might be rationalized, and that it will provide the taxpayers better value for money.

The entities of US international broadcasting, as bureaucracies, will do what bureaucracies do: try to preserve themselves. To this end, RFE/RL management has trotted out the old line about VOA primarily broadcasting about America. Mr. O'Rourke, whose essays I enjoy very much, but who also seems to have just fallen off the turnip wagon, swallowed it whole.

RFE/RL management would probably want this description of US international broadcasting to be true. RFE/RL and VOA would then complement each other in three important ways: 1) RFE/RL would broadcast about the target country, VOA about the United States. 2) RFE/RL would have an audience, VOA would not. 3) RFE/RL would still be around in ten years, whereas VOA would have taken its place in the history of international broadcasting. (Remember the motto of this website: The fraternal entities under the Broadcasting Board of Governors support, commend, and congratulate each other, and wish each other to jump off a cliff.)

Surveys (my day job for most of the past thirty years) tell us audiences are interested mainly in what is happening in their own country, and secondarily in what is happening in the rest of the world. Their interest in the United States is, I'm afraid, a rather distant third. For any target country at any time in its development, there is a sweet spot, a proportion of the three categories of news, that will best attract an audience.

The present structure of US international broadcasting does not allow this proportion to be achieved. Instead of a market-based approach, the structure of US international broadcasting that RFE/RL management is trying to preserve is, well, actually, there is no other way to put this, Marxist.

Under this schema, to get all the news from US international broadcasters, the audience must tune to the State Broadcasting Company for News About America, then, at another time and on another frequency, tune to the State Broadcasting Company for News About the Audience Country.

Or, to get all the news from the convenience of one station, they can just tune to the BBC. (Read here about why the BBC world services attract more audience for less money.)

I am not advocating that RFE/RL dry up and blow away so that my colleagues at VOA can enjoy greater job security. I am advocating that the elements of US international merge into a single corporation, actually organized more along the lines of RFE/RL than VOA. (More about this here.) See previous post about P.J. O'Rourke (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. VOA seems to be devoting more and more airtime to English learning: Nov 25 at 1514, 9760 via Philippines is in New Dynamic English; whatever became of Border Crossings, world music request show during this hour?

Also, 15460, poor-fair at 1603 English news with clip of President Obama`s media address for Thanksgiving Day, but for more real news go to voanews.com. 1605 opening Spe-cial Eng-lish teaching, first New Dynamic English, then at ``half-past`` (unless you are in several Asian countries where it`s hour-top!), news in SE and The Education Report to follow. 15460 is in use by IBB during this hour only, 1600-1700, 100 kW, 132 degrees via Lampertheim, GERMANY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Re: ``Frequency changes of IBB: Voice of America
2200-2300 NF 7365 PTH 250 kW / 021 deg EaAs, ex 7220* English Su-Th
2300-2400 NF 7365 PTH 250 kW / 021 deg EaAs, ex 7220*in English``
---Where's PTH? (Harold Frodge, Nov 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They must have meant PHT = Philippines, Tinang, where 7220 was from (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A [and non]. 13750, VOA Spanish remains here, ex-13715, Nov 26 at 1241 when it`s JBA compared to good // 9885 with report on Chilean President PiÒeda`s visit to Per˙, on Enfoque Andino service. The schedule at
http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_s.cfm
has now been corrected.

9555, Dec 1 at 1342, nice handbell music, tune not recognized, mixed with VOA Korean via Tinang, PHILIPPINES. 1344, o, it`s only WYFR now signing off in Spanish. Americans vs Americans! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11675, Dec 1 at 1447, R. Aap ki Dunya ID and VOA 3-note jingle, fair. 1448 talking about ``HIV Infexion; Global Aids``; English clip starts ``5.2 million people`` then voice-over in Urdu. Can`t ``HIV`` be translated into Urdu? Some fading but no flutter; Aoki shows site Kuwait at 14-15, but HFCC says SRI LANKA. 11675 was once a frequency used by R. Kuwait itself (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 13820, some nice choral music Dec 1 at 1355, but ruined at *1357 by DentroCuban Jamming Command cutting on ahead of R. MartÌ which would have ruined the music anyway at *1400. That was YFR via Nauen, GERMANY in Bengali, 1300-1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. While on Nov 24 WTWW did not ascend from 5755 to 9479 until around 1400, on Nov 25, 9479 was already on at 1339, so apparently still switching at 1300. Yesterday must have been a mistake, anomaly, or test (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB missing from 3185 around 1330 Nov 25, so assumed it was

already on 9385, but not there either at 1346, until after 1400.

9385, WWRB open carrier Nov 28 at 1313 and still 1352 instead of Brother Scare. Recheck sometime after 1500, he had begun modulating. Is there no human operator at WWRB to notice such things, just a timer turning on the transmitter and/or automated frequency changes?

3185, dead air/open carrier, Nov 30 at 0621, again no one minding the store at WWRB when feed from Brother Scare fails; this is hardly a complaint, but an observation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5935 11/26 0510 WWCR silent, no preacher, no carrier, taking Thanksgiving off? (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Astounded to hear Dead Gene Scott on 9350, Nov 26 at 0625, almost the OSOB and certainly the SSOB briefly until it too began fading out like all the other 31m signals --- but not before I had time to // it to Anguilla 6090, and find that WWCR was absent from 5935 where DGS is supposed to be!

This WWCR-2 transmitter is scheduled on 9350 only at 21-23, and on 5935 from 01 to 13, so must have punched the wrong frequency. Certainly a bad move to have been deliberate, due to nightmiddle lowflux propagation, making remaining 5890 with Brother Scare JBA at 0627 (while further signals on 49m such as WYFR, and BBC 5875 and other Europeans were inbooming); WWCR 4840 was OK but hardly solid, while 3215 was still VG. WTWW 5755 was also very poor at this time.

Next check at 1041, 5935 was back on the air with PMS, 5890 was fair with BS, and 5755 was back to full strength with PPP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1540 monitoring: first airing confirmed on WRMI 9955 webcast, Thursday Nov 25 at 1600. And on WBCQ 7415 at 2000. And on WWRB 3185 Friday Nov 26 at 0430.

ACB Radio Mainstream has adjusted all times one UT hour later and will stay on ET = EST/EDT as applicable instead of UT, so WORLD OF RADIO now starts UT Fridays at 0200 and repeats every two hours thru 2400: http://www.acbradio.org/mainstream (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Further airings: Fri 2130 on WWCR 7465; Sat 0900, 1500 and 1830 on WRMI 9955; Sat 1700 on WWCR 12160; Sat 1900 on IRRS/Slovakia 6090, which has been doing well around Europe, and might also make it to NE America; UT Sun 0330 on WWCR 4840, 0730 on WWCR 3215; Sun 0900, 1530, 1830 on WRMI 9955; Mon 0300 on WBCQ 5110.

WOR also has a new webcasting affiliate, Geneva Community Radio, New York, UT Mondays 0000 via http://genevaradio.blogspot.com

WORLD OF RADIO 1540 first airing confirmed on WRMI webcast, Thursday Nov 25 at 1600. Next chances should be Thu 2000 on WBCQ 7415, Thu 2200 on WRMI 9955, Fri 0430 on WWRB 3185, Fri 1530 on WRMI 9955, Fri 2130 on WWCR 7465.

WORLD OF RADIO 1540 confirmed on WRMI, 9955, Saturday Nov 27 ending at 1529 with propagation outlook, fair signal and no jamming audible; thanks a lot, Arnie! Then plug for the NASB cruise in May, Jeff White wearing his travel-agent hat, 1531 AWR Wavescan with Jeff changing to his DX-program-host hat.

WORLD OF RADIO 1540 also confirmed on WWCR-2, 12160, Saturday Nov 27 after 1700. The audio processing on this transmitter is turned up to the max, which boosts every breath I take and every little glitch in the editing; please try to disregard them. Next airings are UT Sunday 0330 on 4840, 0730 on 3215 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9980, WWCR, Nashville. EE rlgs px, fair with het & sc [?] QRM from KVOH 1322 on 9/11 (Gavin Hellyer, Ararat Vic, Dec Australian DX News via DXLD)

This would be the first evidence in years that KVOH is really transmitting on anything but 17775. But I fear it is a list log, presumably referring to adjacent 9975, which kept being registered as KVOH for years and years thru A-10 at 13-15 and 01-08, per HFCC and FCC, without really using it, but I see that has finally been removed from B-10 schedules. It is rather unlikely that it would be allowed, anyway, as long as WWCR is on 9980 after 1200. Really on 9975 until 1330 now is KTWR Guam.

17775, after missing a few days, KVOH is back with a vengeance, super S9+25+ signal (my FRG-7 meter isn`t accurately calibrated beyond S9+20), during gospel music, Nov 30 at 2136, and enough to audiblize the bonus whiny spurs its for-sale transmitter provides, around 17920 and less so but same pitch around 17630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9615, Sat Nov 27 at 0621, VG S9+20 signal the SSOB, much stronger than WYFR, but horrible audio of YL singing, chirpy like water dripping in a sewer, apparently very poor webfeed. WHR website claims Angel 2 is on 9615 daily at 06-08 UT, but fortunately it`s really on the air weekends only (or fragments of that span which are sold), and this must have been Jesus' Love Ministers, with Mrs. Gwen Knox, Saturdays 0615-0630. Has Gwen listened to how she sounds from Furman? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Since Don Moore in MI reported the second harmonic of WDKN, Dickson TN, on 2520, I have been on the lookout for it, but nothing so far. We need to be aware of the sunrise/sunset times there, as WDKN 1260 is 5 kW day, but only 18 watts at night, plus pre-sunrise authorization of 500 watts; and what is its direxionality, tho pattern on 1260 may be quite different than on unintentional 2520?

FCC AM Query: Daytime in November (for one more day) is 1230-2245 UT; in December, 1300-2230 UT. PSRA always starts at 1200 UT. Simplifying matters, it`s non-direxional day and night.

Of course, it`s always possible WDKN could be running day power at night. In fact, it probably was, as Don logged them on 2520 more than a sesquihour after official sunset! At 0010-0027 Nov 13 with fair signal, ``also in morning [time not given] and following evening``. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3160.05, WPJK, Orangeburg, SC, 1245-1305, Nov 25, 2nd harmonic of 1580. Very tentative with carrier in at fair level but no audio heard. Thanks to Glenn Hauser tips (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3160, haven`t checked for WPJK sign-on lately, Orangeburg SC, 2 x 1580, so standing by for it Nov 26 from before 1230: *1230:33 carrier on at S9+18, 1232 false-start as heard one word and more silence; 1234:12 canned sign-on and into Gospel Train music show infested with Autotunes, opening with train whistle tooting Q, so get out of the way.

WPJK is still signing on a semihour later than necessary since legal sunrise in November is 1200 UT. In December it becomes 1215, but likely to remain *1230v as WPJK seems fond of opening at 7:30 local clock time as it was doing during the first week of November, one semihour too early at 1130 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3160.04, WPJK, Orangeburg, SC, 1300-1320, Nov 26, 2nd harmonic of 1580. Several announcements. Gospel music. Talk at 1310. Very weak. Weak but readable on peaks. 1320 fade-out. 2 x 1580. Thanks to Glenn Hauser tips (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 720, KDWN Las Vegas NV: you may recall that during October I was hearing this almost any morning from 1245 UT, as it was switching to non-direxional 50 kW day pattern one hour earlier than authorized, apparently due to confusion about the difference between PDT and PST.

In November the legal sunrise time was 1415 UT, so KDWN might have been switching at 1315 instead, but I never could hear it then, nor even at 1415, which was too far past sunrise eastward. Apparently it finally dawned on them, and resumed switching at the correct time as of Nov 1, let alone Nov 7 with the end of PDT.

I make one more try on Nov 30 at 1415, but still hear nothing but a weak mix of WGN and KSAH. LVNV axual sunrise this date is 1432 UT and will reach its latest in early January at 1452. Meanwhile, legal FCC sunrise for KDWN in December and January is 1445 UT. So possibly by late Dec it will be able to propagate briefly from 1445, but it really needs to resume switching one hour too early at 1345 to reach this far east (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, KKOB, good signal Nov 27 at 2332 UT, but it`s only Lobo football. Official Albuquerque sunset in Nov and Dec is 0000 UT, and indeed KKOB was no longer to be heard at 0008 check Nov 28, the frequency instead dominated by something in Spanish from the SSW [see MEXICO] and IBOC from WBBM.

With its null toward WABC at night, best chances to hear KKOB to the east are in the hour (or less) before 0000, and also the hour (or less) after non-direxional resumes in the morning, 1345 UT in November, 1400 in December. Aside from the 230-watt synchronized Santa Fe relay on 770 only during night hours (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 890, Nov 26 at 1312 UT, with KTLR OKC nulled, I am hearing something in addition to remnants of WLS: 846 area code, religious, mentions KGGNam.com, Mortenson Broadcasting Co., 890-GGN, plugging Xmas in November promotion starting today.

NRC AM Log shows it`s KGGN, Gladstone MO, 960-watt daytimer in Kansas City area. FCC AM Query shows Nov sunrise is 1300 UT, Dec 1330; direxional cardioid with major lobe about 250 degrees, but plenty towards us. Website shows calls mean ``God`s Good News``, rather than ``Great Gospel Radio`` as in NRC AM Log. Then I find that AC 846 does not exist, so maybe they said 816 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1060, Nov 26 at 1225, strong open carrier with fast SAH vs Spanish from south = XEEP, and English religion from NW/SE = WLNO. I figured it was KIJN, Farwell TX, and so it was, with sign on in Spanish (only?) at 1229 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Just heard ESPN programming on 1180 under WHAM. Assume Knoxville, will continue to listen (Bob, Indy, Timmerman, 0307 UT Nov 22, IRCA via DXLD)

I logged Knoxville TN 1180 first on Nov 23, 1990 from Fortville (same geographic area as my present QTH). Guess what? It was a Friday night and a HSFB or some local sport was on, I'm sure. I am also sure that they ID'ed during my logging back then, ensuring they were on late, on purpose.

Having dead air at the TOH indicates an automation problem and laziness, incompetence or a "we could care less attitude" or some combination of those excuses. Webb City, MO 1100 did this for weeks at a time and I'm not sure if it's fixed, yet. Congrats Bob on the new one! PS - Can you tell that I love Friday nights in the Fall? :)
73, (Dave in Indy Hascall, Nov 22, IRCA via DXLD)

David: First time I heard `em was sometime in the early 90s when I lived about 30 miles west of Rochester, NY. They were playing gospel mx, on late & giving WHAM fits. 73 (David Faulkner, 22 Nov, IRCA via DXLD)

Yep, it's my local WVLZ in Knoxville. Licensed to operate sunrise to sunset only, but they're 24/7 like so many other daytimers nowadays. They run dead air at legal ID time, but rest assured it's they. 1180 here, needless to say, is gone. 35 years ago, when I was a regular listener to WHAM's all-night jazz show "The Best of All Possible Worlds", if a soothsayer had told me that things would someday come to this, and *nobody* - not the station, not WHAM, not the FCC - would have the least bit of concern, I'd have thought him daft (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, ibid.)

** U S A. 1190, Nov 30 at 1421 UT from NW/SE I am hearing siren-like sounds and other electronic music, not your average commercial radio fare, so presume it is KVCU, Boulder CO, the student-operated ``AM Revolution`` at the University of Colorado, which FCC AM Query affirms ``operates as a noncommercial educational station``, with daytime power of 6.8 kW nondirexional. November official FCC sunrise is 1345 UT, and December 1415.

By 1423 it was overtaken by a station looping N/S with a house-buying ad, 7-digit phone-number so unlikely KFXR from The Metroplex, 1424 Xmas music, maybe KVSV Beloit KS, tho its 2.3 kW lobe goes NW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1210 was bearing stations other than KGYN more than a sesquihour after 1323 UT sunrise here.

Nov 29 at 1501 UT, ``The Herd on ESPN Radio``, loops NW/SE, so likely 10 kW KHAT Laramie WY, with that network per NRC AM Log.

But Nov 29 at 1510 UT, 1210 has an ad for Bosch (sp?) dishwaschers at Lowe`s, 1513 livestock sales report giving an area-code 605 phone number, and mentioning Mitchell SD, ``Dakota Country weather``, forecast snow, low 8 degrees F. Then KOKK ID, commodity prices. Huron SD station I also logged a few weeks ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1270, Nov 29 at 1501 UT, weather for the Sioux Falls area, from the KSFI [TV] weather center. So it`s KNWC, religious format, major daytime lobe to the SW (but nighttime to the NE, per NRC Pattern Book). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1360, Nov 26 at 1301 YL in Spanish mentioning De Soto, Tejas several times, apparently plugging a religious service. That`s a suburb on the south side of Dallas, so must be KMNY, Hurst TX also in The Metroplex. Would have just upped from night power 890 watts to day power 50,000 as legal sunrise in Nov is 1300 UT; in Dec it will be 1330. Hardly sounded like 50 kW, as main lobe goes WSW and there`s a null toward us. Retains calls denoting previous financial format, so how would they possibly tie ``money`` into religion now? (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1510, Nov 29 at 1505 UT, ``Rudolf the RNR``, looping NNE/SSW, 9:05 timecheck, two DJs promise to play nothing but Xmas music till Xmas, then talking about Viking football. Tnx to KSTP, there are no 1510s in Minnesota itself, but one on the periphery: KMSD Milbank SD, with an oldies format, and that call heard mentioned in passing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Regarding the X-band chain and specifically the references to K-truck in the current DXLD, lest we not forget (copy is from my URL):

1610 (TIS) "Radio Recovery", Homestead; shortly after the devastating 8/24/92 passing of Hurricane Andrew, the US Army established this emergency TIS which remained active for several weeks, relaying info in English/Spanish/Kreyol and I believe a native Central American dialect for displaced residents. IDed as "Radio Recovery, the Voice of Task Force Andrew." Signal was ultimately heard on sunrise skip and nights throughout Florida and beyond. WINZ (940 kHz) also briefly rebroadcast Radio Recovery tapes on 50 kW emergency authority power at night. While long inactive, it's certainly very likely a similar operation would appear in the event of a future natural disaster elsewhere (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, Florida DX News and "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" are at: http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/ DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TRANS-ATLANTIC, Early catch: 1660, WWRU, Jersey City NJ is

usually the first audible TA, like on 25 Nov'10 at 1937, Korean, talks; 24442, QRM de coastal station airing a report.

Late catches, TA. 1660, WWRU, 0943-f/out 0958, 27 Nov'10, talks; 25332. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) And some other NAm MW were even later to 1100 (gh)

** U S A. LPTV or TV Translator call signs. My understanding is that LPTV's have regular 4-call letter signs like full power stations and translators have the number/letter set like K17XJ. Is this correct? That is what our translators here have. Also, I have heard that the date the FCC wants LPTV's to go digital is by 2012. If so, are TV translators included? Thanks. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

Not necessarily. A brief bit of history is in order.

When the TV translator service was created, translators received the number/letter calls like K17XJ. TV translators were only allowed to relay some other station -- they were not allowed to originate any programming of their own.

When the LPTV service was created, basically all that happened was that the FCC allowed TV translators to originate programming. Their callsign assignments did not change.

It was some years later that LPTVs convinced the FCC to issue four-letter calls (over the objections of full-license stations). In a partial concession to the full-license stations, the FCC required LPTVs with four-letter calls to use the -LP suffix. (WMKE-LP) (full-power stations have either the -TV suffix or no suffix at all. Or, in a few cases, a -DT suffix.[0])

LPTVs *may* ask for a four-letter call (if they meet certain criteria). They are not *required* to do so, even if they're qualified to.

So in a nutshell, a LPTV *may* have a four-letter call, but it may also have a number-letter call. A translator will have a number-letter call.

There are also Class A stations. These meet the same technical requirements as a LPTV but have stricter non-technical requirements -- children's educational programming, etc.. In return they cannot be bumped from their channel by other stations. (a translator can lose its frequency to an upgrade at a full-license station) Analog Class A operations receive a -CA suffix. Class A stations are also qualified to receive four-letter calls, and nearly all of them take such calls.

Then, there are digital LP stations...

Number-letter stations that receive a digital license receive a -D suffix. K17XJ, if it were to go digital, would become K17XJ-D. The very few Class A stations with a number-letter call receive a -CD suffix. If K17XJ were to go Class A digital, they would become K17XJ-CD.

Four-letter LPTVs that receive a digital license receive a -LD suffix. KASO-LP, if it were to go digital, would become KASO-LD.

Four-letter Class As that receive a digital license receive a -CD suffix. KWOR-CA, if it were to go digital, would become KWOR-CD.

The FCC does not appear to have been very consistent with suffix assignment to digital LP stations. A few digital Class As got -DC suffixes; some digital number-letter stations received no suffix at all.

``I have heard that the date the FCC wants LPTV's to go digital is by 2012. If so, are TV translators included?``

Some time in 2012, yes. *When* in 2012 is still under consideration. Probably sooner for those operating above channel 51. Yes, the end-of-analog date applies to both LPTVs and translators. (and Class A)

-- [0] Last fall the FCC changed all DTV callsigns back to the stations' original analog callsigns. However, they allowed stations to ask to keep the -DT suffix, and a dozen or so did ask. Almost all were Univision O&Os (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

Doug, Thank you for such a great detailed explanation of the LPTV/Class A/Translator situation. I did not realize it was as complicated as it is. Hi. All of our translators (17/21/23/26/34) all relay the Portland Network stations. Only two are digital 23(KOPB-10-PBS) and 34 (KOIN-6-CBS). No LPTV's are on around here, as yet. There are supposed to be some CPs for them with 4-call signs though. Much appreciated. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

** U S A. DEFUNDING NPR: THE REAL AGENDA

"In truth, National Public Radio receives little taxpayer funding. This is about the right's culture war against the 'liberal' media." Interesting article here
http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/nov/23/us-television-ustelevision
(via Mike Terry, UK, Nov 24, dxldyg via DXLD)

If they get so little taxpayer funding, they shouldn't miss it much when it's gone. And the US government definitely needs to cut spending. So this is an ideal place to begin (Curt W4CP Phillips, ibid.)

However, there is a tipping point where the loss of even marginal funding causes a much greater diminution of an institution than one might otherwise expect. The same kind of shortsighted thinking has put many broadcasters in increasing jeopardy -- NPR and the BBC being only two.

IMHO, there are far more obvious places for governments to cut spending than on nickel and diming cultural institutions that enhance everyone's lives, especially those lacking the disposable income to buy their own entry into cultural places and events. In both cited cases, it's much more than just news and information that these provide (which apparently are the lightning rods that the Guardian article points to). Concerts, plays, light entertainment, science, intelligent discussion, reasoned conversation and the like are found virtually nowhere else on the air.

The contribution of tax money that helps makes this possible is a very small price to pay and withholding it will not reduce government deficits enough (if at all) to compensate for the potential loss of even some of these things. The phrase, "Penny-wise and pound foolish" was made for circumstances just like this one (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, ibid.)

** U S A. Future of Public Radio
Nov 17, 2010 World Affairs Council | Los Angeles

Vivian Schiller spoke about news media operations and providing quality coverage of events, including NPR's efforts to provide more coverage of foreign policy and international stories. She also talked about funding public radio and television, the state of competition among news organizations, and business operations at NPR. She also responded to questions from the audience. 59 minutes
http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/MediaEr
(via gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. XINHUA DEAL WITH US NETWORK NBC: IS THERE A DEVIL IN THE DETAILS?

Xinhua, 24 Nov 2010: "Xinhua News Agency and the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) here Tuesday to establish a multi-level business partnership in the area of international TV news service. It marked the latest marketing endeavor

in North America of the China Xinhua News Network Corporation (CNC), Xinhua's TV arm created one year ago. CNC, which is aimed at setting up channels around the world, now gathers an average of 800 minutes of Chinese and English news content each day, the longest in that regard among the world's media organizations. ...

Under the MOC signed Tuesday, Xinhua and NBC will conduct extensive and in-depth cooperation in TV news content gathering, production, broadcast and personnel training. Xinhua President Li Congjun said during a visit to the United States in May that cooperation with its international partners will greatly boost Xinhua's global service. Accordingly, the partnership between CNC and NBC will help the two broadcasters increase their influence in the global market and provide a better service for their audience. Steve Capus, president of NBC News, said at the MOC's signing ceremony that media organizations are shouldering greater responsibilities amid growing public demand for information, which requires cooperation and joint efforts among these organizations." (kimandrewelliott.com Nov 27 via DXLD)

** VANUATU. 7260, Radio Vanuatu, Nov 15 0744 - Male and female announcer in presumed Bislama. Bits and pieces of conversation resembled English words; appeared to be a talk involving shipping of packages or mailing, perhaps to relatives overseas. Good to very good signal. Brief music, many mentions of 'tok tok', and Radio Vanuatu ID and time check at 0750. I noted 3945 in parallel with a fair signal at 0915 (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

7260. R. Vanuatu, Vila. Reactivated this frequency, good here 0820 with talks in Bislama. Unable to tell, due to local QRN, if 3945 active as well, but suspect not. The transmitter on 7260 seems to be the new unit (formerly on 3945), judging by signal strength, 27/11 (Craig Seager, Bathurst NSW (Racal RA-6790GM, Icom R75, Horizontal Loop, Folded Dipole), Dec Australian DX News via DXLD)

7260, Radio Vanuatu, 0706-0802, 28-11, female and male, English and Vernacular, comments, songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7260, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. November 28, 0729-0740 male and female in an uncertain language discussion, male outside, many short canned IDís ìR. Vanuatuî. 3945 was very poor, 25332 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 Dipoles and Longwire, ibid.)

** VATICAN. 11850, Nov 25 at 1440 S Asian language, 1443 mentioning

Bangladesh several times, ACI de WYFR 11855. This segment is listed as Vatican Radio in Hindi direct from SMG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. 6140, RNV via CUBA, Nov 26 at 1044 in Spanish, instead of 6180 where the 10-11 UT hour had been for years. As I seldom monitor during this hour, don`t know when it changed but perhaps Nov 8 when 6140 was reactivated for other RHC broadcasts. 6180 was now carrying RHC // several others; see CUBA. Or it could have been one of their numerous mixups, so further chex needed.

The 11-12 RNV relay is still on 6060, heard at 1103 in English and Spanish, undermodulated. The only way we can get an RNV schedule is by monitoring, as they STILL announced the years-out-of-date schedule on every broadcast, which I heard concluding again Nov 26 at 1556 on 11680, with the last three entries 11875, 15230 and 17705, only the last of which is still in use.

Altho I have not bothered to log and report them, I have in the last few weeks run across RNV still on the schedule we have previously compiled so here is the sked now believed to be complete and accurate, one hour each:
10 6140 [but see below!]
11 6060 [partly English]
12 11705
15 11680 [except Sundays][partly English]
19 15290 [may also miss Sundays if AlÛ, Presidente is on?]
20 17705
22 11670
23 13680 15250 [partly English]

11670, RNV wrapping up relay via CUBA, Nov 27 with IS and ID until 2256*, the transmitter no doubt being retuned to 13680 or 15250 for the following hour.

As of 1652 UT Sunday Nov 28, the ``AlÛ, Presidente`` frequencies, such as 13750, were still // RHC on 11760, with Cuban music, so no show from El Hugazo again this week.

My log of RNV via CUBA, Nov 26 in the 10-11 UT hour on 6140 turns out to have been a fluke, yet another mixup by the incompetents at RHC and RadioCuba. Because Nov 29 at 1007 check, RNV is back on its previous frequency 6180 (and 6140 is off the air rather than with RHC). 6180 somewhat undermodulated and distorted. But that`s not all: see CUBA (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. Short DXpedition at a local NJ park using Grundig G5 with reel antenna, 11/28: Heard Voice of Vietnam, Son Tay, with fair

signal on 9730 at 1558 with IS, then 1600 fanfare and ID "This is the Voice of Vietnam", into program preview and then news (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 6297.15, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALGERIA, 1249-1304*, 29 Nov'10, Arabic, talks, s/off announcements, frequency announcement, "national" anthem; 54444, utility QRM; \\ 700, only this one is inaudible this late. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. La onda corta se reaviva --- La actualidad polÌtica en el S·hara ajima las transmisiones --- NOV 29 2010

La Radio Nacional de la Rep˙blica Sarahaui Democr·tica ha mejorado notoriamente su seÒal, posiblemente tras recibir ayuda tÈcnica de Argelia. Sus programas tambiÈn han sido cambiados y se les ha dado un formato m·s moderno. Puede sintonizarse en espaÒol a las 2300 UT por la frecuencia de 6300 KHz. Como es lÛgico ofrecen mucha informaciÛn del actual problema con Marruecos y los disturbios de la zona ocupada de El Aai˙n (Via revista radio noticias via Enrique A. Wembagher, Argentina, Nov 29, condiglist yg via DXLD)

?? not 6297.1? Better signal as received where?? Not here (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. TP MW carrier search, Nov 26 at 1255 UT: not much, but detectable on 774, 1422, 1566.

TA carrier search UT Nov 27 at 0132-0140, on DX-398 in USB mode 9-kHz steps with slightly offtuned BFO, twice up and once down the band: 693, 783, 837, 909, 945, 1089, 1206, 1215, 1377, 1502, 1512, 1521, 1557, 1575.

TP carrier search UT Nov 27 at 1315-1320: 1566, 1422, 1053, 774, 666, 594 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1521, Asian(s). 1128 November 28, 2010. Pretty big het right on channel, presume the most likely would Be China Radio Internationalís 500 kWer at ‹r¸mqi though plenty of other lower power possibilities, or maybe just an aggregate of several. Another carrier on 1503, many possibilities here, too (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1714, unID [date missing] NOV 0230 UT - Calling themselves "Radio Victory" in Havana in English. Direction seemed right for Cuba, but I have heard very little foreign DX at this location with somewhat limited equipment (Ron Schiller, Coeur d'Alene ID; Grundig 350 barefoot, NRC IDXD Nov 26 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3575 approx., Nov 26 at 0637 as I tuned across 80m, heard a series of musical electronic tones, then off. Presumably some ham mode. To be sought again sometime (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 3945, surprised to find YL in pop song at 1328 Nov 25, stronger than and not // JOZ R. Nikkei 1 on 3925. Could it possibly be Vanuatu with such a signal? Some SSB ham QRM, but modulation stops at 1329, S9+20 carrier stays on conveniently for N0ERG to open the daily 6:30 am Colorado Amateur Radio Weather Net with boilerplate, no BFO needed for him and checkins, some with temps in the single digits, and Arizona not excluded. 1332 one of them remarx on the previous QRM, ``singing about the cherry blossom festival`` so he thinx it`s Japan.

Aoki shows JOZ5, 14013E 3528N b10:
3945 RADIO NIKKEI 2 0000-0605 .23456. Japanese 10 ND Chiba-Nagara
3945 RADIO NIKKEI 2 2300-0900 1.....7 Japanese 10 ND Chiba-Nagara
3945 RADIO NIKKEI 2 2300-2400 12345.. Japanese 10 ND Chiba-Nagara

So 3945 should have been off since 0605! Maybe on late for Thanksgiving? Ha. At 1333 we found 3925 also in open carrier, after its regular Thursday sign-off. Anyhow, the behaviour points to JOZ for both (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4765, Nov 15 1445 - Exotic ethnic music at tune-in, but very weak. Male announcer in unid. language 1448; it sounded somewhat like Russian. Tajik Radio, Dushambe is listed here (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4765, -Un-Id station at 0254 01 Dec. Tune in to om in ME language with phone conversation to instrumental music bridge then back to same conversation. Pattern repeated to top of hour with several cuts of ME music. YL announcer just past 0300 with possible ID(?)/ Then deep bass om announcer with what seemed to be news until 0308, than several flutes and drums into extended instrumental music. Signal very low with muffled audio. Lots of noise on the band also making copy extremely tough. About all I can be sure of is that it is Middle eastern/Mid Asian language and music. Only possibilities would be Tajikistan or Kurdistan (Stephen Wood, Harwich MA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

While I was surveying the 60-meter band in Oregon with a portable 60-meter resonant sloper, I heard this same style of programming early in November on the 6th and 8th from 0030-0230 on this frequency. On the 8th there was jamming from 0120-0203. Signal peaked with grey-line pattern for Tajikistan. Jamming stopped after 0206, but signal faded

rapidly by 0230.

Your observations point to a station further west, not Tajikistan. However, WRTH says suggested location in Tajikistan is Yangiyul, which is in Uzbekistan, (not Tajikistan) very near Toshkent.

Could this be VOIRI in Tehran, which fits the grey-line. VOIRI was heard in November in Oregon same time frame on 3965 (ex-3945), as your observations above for your 4765 station (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, NASWA yg via DXLD)

WRTH 2010 page 472, TAJIKISTAN lists Yangiyul as the site for MW and SW from Dushanbe, and Aoki also shows the two paired under 4765 for Tajik Radio One on 4765. HFCC site list (2009) of SW transmitters shows Uzbekistan as just Tashkent, not a more specific site. Likewise Tajikistan, just Duchanbe. One of my atlas does show Yangiyul as near Tashkent; another from the SSR days spells is Jangijul`.

The coordinates for Dushanbe-Yangiyul in Aoki are 06848E 3829N, which is close to Dushanbe, certainly not Tashkent which is close to 41 degrees north. So could there be a separate place in Tajikistan also named Yangiyul? Much smaller than the one in Uzbekistan, not appearing on most maps and whose only significance is as a transmitter site? Stranger things have happened, and of course the two countries have similar Turkic languages and ethnicity.

It seems to me the primary occupant of 4765 as often reported is Tajik Radio, on the air 21 hours a day including at this time, so that should be the one to assume or disprove. Of course, Kurdish clandestines probably for Iran could appear anywhere around here. What kind of jamming? Sunrise at Dushanbe was 0222 UT, so it could still be propagating past 0300. We just got a new schedule for VOIRI, from DX Mix News, and 4765 is not on it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4975, Nov 15 1550 - Classical music selections heard, with male and female announcers in English. Very weak and fading signal; tough to pick out any program details. Tentative; VOR Dushambe is listed here (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, DXing from Grayland, WA, Perseus SDR / AR7030 Plus, Phased Dual Pennant Array Antenna, Nov 29, IRCA via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5921.6, 11/26 0448-0500 noted very weak carrier, no audio while carefully tuning around. EiBi lists R. Bethel PERU on 5921, R. Bethel reported in mid-October by Chuck Bolland in FL on 5921.26 5-6 hours later in local AM. Perhaps R. Bethel has drifted higher? Or am I chasing a "birdie"?

Glenn, I am using my Icom IC-765 amateur transceiver and 43 foot vertical antenna on the SW bands this week. I used LSB mode on all the above loggings. Seems quite sensitive and hearing audio on what seem to be weak signals. 73, (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I`d say Bethel is likely (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5936.23, 0020-0045 Nov 30, Had a threshold signal on this with a female in unknown language comments. Couldn't pull out any other details as signal was too weak, but definitely a station on this freq. It's possible I am listening to a SPUR/SPAR or whatever? At 0045 the signal/female commenting has disappeared (Chuck Bolland, FL, WR G31DDC, 26N 081W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chuck, Search on 5936 at
http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1047.txt
and you may find the answer (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6074, 8GAL with standard V/CQ marker at 1400-1401 Nov 25 in the wake of R. Rossii, 6075 motorboating carrier, offgoing and overturning frequency to Chinese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Finally got around to recording the CW on 6074 at 1400 Nov 25, per attached audio. Fairly good signal. Note that RTI (presumed) was much stronger than the CNR1 jamming, which was far underneath and // 6125. Unusual propagation today, as normally CNR1 dominates (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6074, one must tune in early to catch the 8GAL CW marker for sure: Nov 30 it starts at 1359:20 with standard V/CQ message, and finishes by 1400, when I was not noticing the 6-second late timesignal normally heard as the last gasp of motorboating 6075 R. Rossii, Petropavlovsk/Kamchatsky transmitter. That stayed on a while longer versus the Chinese successor.

Tnx to Ron Howard in California who sent me a clip of 8GAL recorded at exactly the same time I was hearing it Nov 25 at 1400. I was astounded by how strong it was on Asilomar Beach, totally overriding audio from RTI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13957.5-SSB, 2-way in Spanish, Nov 28 at 0031, still going at 0037 and 0054. One of them sounds drunk, starts to sing ``ay-ay-ay-ay`` as in Cielito Lindo; ``proa`` also mentioned, prow, as would a poacher in his boat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Good morning Glenn Hauser. Please take this humble e-mail as a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holiday Season for you and yours. Thanks to people like you, our SWL hobby will last for years to come. Your dedication and enthusiasm is the same as Ted Mirgliotta who writes week by week the OPDX Bulleting with good Dx to come. May be joy and peace at your home Glenn (Hector (Luigi) Perez NP4FW, Nov 27)

See also CUBA [and non] for what Arnie Coro has to say about gh (gh)

This is the introduxion to my MW DX items which I post separately to MW DX groups:

``All times and dates strictly UT. MW log editors are welcome to excerpt items, reformat and change to favorite timezone if necessary. Rx: mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only; some caradio as specified; above 2 MHz on FRG-7 with 110-foot east-west longwire.``

Recently on 26 November I added this:

``[It seems that log editors are not taking me up on this; unfortunately, I am not interested in rewriting my reports into imaginary timezones such as ``ELT``; like to report specifically what was heard in narrative as much as it takes but to the point, rather than condensed generic into one or two lines full of abbrs.; like to explain how I research and reach conclusions on IDs. Programming *matters* and I will critique it when I feel like it. Nor am I just trying to rack up station totals; in fact, I stopped counting sesquidecades ago. Thus anyone interested in my approach will not get to read it in the DX publications but only here in online fora where there are no artificial space- and paper-saving constraints. I only wish more of my fellow DX listeners could and would report what they hear in more depth, instead of being discouraged from doing so by strict format requirements for reporting. I would find that much more interesting reading. O, well --- Glenn]``

Glenn - I can't disagree at all that longer in-depth reports like yours are interesting and valuable. And that's exactly what unlimited postings in electronic listservs are for. But - I don't have a list of who subscribes to this listserv and couldn't begin to tell you whether or not column editors lurk, post, or even subscribe to this one. I can tell you, though, that none troll here for listings, and if you want to share your loggings in any of the DX mags, you'll have to send them to those column editors. They are volunteers and work for free, remember, and unless they're old, retired codgers like me, they have little enough time to organize, sort, edit, and format what's sent to them for publication 30 or so times a year. And as you know, space in

the printed bulletins is always at a premium. The column rules are not a system of discouragement at all; they're a constraint that allows more listings and therefore more DX possibilities for subscribers - (Paul Swearingen, Topeka, ex-publisher, NRC DX News, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I may try that but I don`t need to be lexured about volunteerism since EVERYTHING I put out is as a volunteer. It`s hard to imagine being a column editor without at least subscribing to relevant listserves (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I really enjoy your posts because of all of the details you include. Best, (Tim Kridel Web: http://www.timkridel.com DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Your Dxing comments --- I cannot tell you how much I agree with your comments about Dxer's focus on counting stations heard.

I have serious questions about the accuracy of claims of 700+ MW stations heard barefoot on ULR radios from a single location. I know I am limited by my geographic location on the west coast, but with some pretty good equipment, I am happy to have logged over 200 MW USA stations.

Or, for that matter, reading excited postings about heterodynes heard on Trans-oceanic stations have no value in logging a station as heard. I listen to radios for content, and seek valid station IDs before I log them. Hets are useful in deciding where to tune and when to listen, but for logging an actual station ID?? Logging hets as such is okay since they may provide incentive to listen for modulation on those frequencies.

I have read logging claims that someone heard a station on nnnn kHz and since their antenna was oriented in a certain direction it MUST have been station ABCD so they log it! The only time I log a station is:
1. I hear a valid station ID
2. I hear numerous commercials for a local town and local news
3. I can hear a parallel of their broadcast on the internet.
4. The station confirms my recording of their transmission.
5. The language and content matches the published schedule for the broadcaster

I predict that the ULR mania, as currently fashionable, will ebb and the true radio fans will return to a more normal approach, using whatever radios they prefer. Keep up the good work!

OK, so I am an old crabby guy, set in my ways after 60 years of radio listening! (Neil Bell, KJ6FBA, Nov 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST

I don`t get the ultralight mania --- why not get better rather than inferior receivers as time goes on? But I would certainly not deny them their fun if that`s what lights their filaments.

My comments were not so much against station-counting and the rules for doing so, but in favor of DX-reporting *quality* instead of quantity. To me, every log is a potential learning experience about some or all of: culture, geography, propagation, station quirks in operations, language, and whatever the subject of the programming is, without which there would be no broadcasting in the first place.

I am lamenting that there seems to be no place for such reporting in the major MW DX publications. They are all about minimum details, maximum lists of stations identified (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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PART 15 LIST

For what it's worth:
http://www.hobbybroadcaster.net/directory02.html

(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W
Florida DX News and "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" are at:
http://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/
DX LISTENING DIGEST) Lists only 35 stations, mostly on X-band (gh)

TINY TRAP
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``Tiny island state of Qatar``, said the BBC correspondent in that country during a story about Q getting the World Cup, on BBC World News, Dec 3 at 2243 via OETA OKLA, and presumably originally aired live a sesquihour earlier.

FYI, Qatar is NOT an island, but almost-an-island, peninsula, as anyone at Al Jazeera could have told her. Area is 4,200 square miles, which is 5,600 times the size of truly tiny Monaco. Maybe she thought she was in Bahrain? Geez (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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Re: 10-47, BPL isn't dead; just different. At least the Smart Meters don't look too bad. Found the following on -
http://www.sdge.com/smartmeter/

"Smart meters run on two frequencies. The frequency communicating to the electric meter is 900 MHz (megahertz). If the premise also has a gas meter, the frequency from the electric meter to the gas meter is 2.4 GHz (gigahertz).

The electric meter frequency is similar to a cell phone and the gas meter frequency is similar to a computer router. Neither device will interfere with any wireless devices in the home." (Lew Peterson, Jr., NASWA yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BULGARIA; INDIA; PORTUGAL; RUSSIA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See USA, callsigns
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PROPAGATION
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LONG-DELAY RADIO ECHOS HEARD ON 7 MHZ
Spaceweather.com December 1, 2010 http://www.spaceweather.com/

During the geomagnetic storm of Nov. 27th, a brief but intense G2-class event, amateur radio operator Peter Brogl of F¸rth, Germany, experienced a strange phenomenon. Forty-six seconds after he transmitted his call sign at 7 MHz, he received an echo of his own transmission. "At first, I thought someone was playing tricks on me," says Brogl, "but I changed frequency, re-keyed my call sign (DK6NP), and got another echo." This went on for more than an hour, enough time for Brogl to make several recordings.

First reported in 1927 by Norwegian civil engineer J¯rgen Hals, long-delay radio echoes are rare and poorly understood. Unusual propagation conditions linked to solar storms is one of many possible explanations.

Radio operators, if you experienced any similar phenomena on Nov. 27th between 1800 UT and 19:30 UT, please report your observations to Peter Brogl for correlation (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

The geomagnetic field was mostly quiet with isolated active periods (at high latitudes) during 22-23 November. Generally quiet levels prevailed from 24-27 November. Late on 27 November, from 1800-2400 UTC, activity increased to mostly unsettled to active levels with an isolated storm period. This increase in activity was due to the combined effects of a coronal hole high-speed stream (CHHSS) and a slow moving CME observed on 24 November. Quiet to unsettled levels

were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 01 - 27 DECEMBER 2010

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels. There is a chance for an increase in C-class flare activity for 04-16 December with the return of longitudes associated with old Regions 1123 (S22, L=190) and 1124 (N14, L=171). Activity is expected to return to predominantly very low levels from 17-27 December.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels for 01-10 December. An increase to high levels is possible for 10-17 December due to a recurrent CHHSS. Normal to moderate levels are expected for the remainder of the forecast period.

Geomagnetic field is expected to be predominantly quiet for 01-02 December. A small increase to quiet to unsettled levels is possible on 03-04 December due to a CME associated with a DSF. A return to quiet levels is expected from 06-10 December. Quiet to unsettled levels are possible for 11-15 December due to a recurrent CHHSS. Mostly quiet levels are expected for the remainder of the forecast period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
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Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2010-11-30
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2010 Dec 01	83	7	3
2010 Dec 02	83	5	2
2010 Dec 03	85	7	3
2010 Dec 04	85	7	3
2010 Dec 05	85	5	2
2010 Dec 06	85	5	2
2010 Dec 07	85	5	2
2010 Dec 08	85	5	2
2010 Dec 09	85	5	2
2010 Dec 10	85	5	2
2010 Dec 11	85	7	3
2010 Dec 12	88	7	3

2010 Dec 13	88	7	3
2010 Dec 14	88	7	3
2010 Dec 15	85	7	3
2010 Dec 16	85	5	2
2010 Dec 17	80	5	2
2010 Dec 18	80	5	2
2010 Dec 19	80	5	2
2010 Dec 20	80	5	2
2010 Dec 21	80	5	2
2010 Dec 22	80	5	2
2010 Dec 23	80	5	2
2010 Dec 24	80	7	3
2010 Dec 25	80	7	3
2010 Dec 26	83	5	2
2010 Dec 27	83	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1541, DXLD)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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It's just a metaphor --- Christians should be wary of an attempt to nullify the separation of church and state
--- Tad Armstrong Wednesday, October 6, 2010 12:00 am

If some Christians' ongoing assault upon the "wall of separation" between church and state is ever successful, Christianity, ironically, could be the first victim of the free range. . .
http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/article_320339e9-2392-5c72-a81f-f263ce182566.html
(via Will Martin, MO, DXLD) ###